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## James Baird, of Gartsherrie.

We present herewith a striking portrait of an iron master well known in this country, James Baird, of Gartsherrie, Scotland, who has done more than any other one man, perhaps, to build up the iron industry of his native land. Mr. Baird was born in 1802. His father was a farmer, but the sons, of whom there were eight, established the Gartsherrie Iron Works, with the exception of one who preferred farming.

By industry and economy, exercised almost to the verge of parsimony, the Messrs. Baird were enabled to make some little money out of their little colliery, albeit at that time coal mining was not nearly such a profitable occupation as it is in our own day. Other pits were afterward opened out in Maryston and Gartsherrie, but no works of any consequence had yet been started in that country—now the Black Country of Scotland—for the manufacture of iron. Indeed, the iron trade appeared to concentrate rather on and toward the east coast, where the Carron Works were carried on. As for Coatbridge, which is now environed with a crescent of blast furnaces, it was, to all intents and purposes, a purely pastoral locality.

The Gartsherrie Iron Works were commenced in the year 1829, and the first furnace was put in blast in May, 1830, or simultaneously with the invention of the hot blast.

From time to time the Gartsherrie Work, were extended until they reached their present exceptional proportions. They are now, says the *Practical Magazine*, with perhaps the solitary exception of Dowlais, the largest works of their kind in the world. They comprise sixteen blast furnaces, placed in two parallel rows. The two rows of furnaces are placed face to face, with their pig beds bordering the canal, and the lines of rails for the supply of raw materials placed at a higher level behind each row. A railway bridge connects the two lines of rails crossing the canal and the lower level of the works. The blast is heated to about 800° in hot blast ovens of the pistol pipe form. This is an invention of Mr. James Baird. It was adopted first at these works thirty-five years ago, and led to a higher temperature of blast than had up to that time been reached in the Scotch furnaces. Since then the pistol pipe hot blast oven has come into general use throughout the rest of Scotland. The stoves are fired with slack. They are placed behind the furnaces at the level of the railways supplying the coal. Originally Mr. Baird placed the hot blast stove on the top of his blast furnace, and tried to utilize the flames escaping from the latter for heating the blast; but this mode did not prove a real success in Scotland until Mr. Ferrie's furnace was devised.

The ore used at Gartsherrie is pure black band, which is delivered from the mines in a calcined state. A very large stock of iron ore, varying from 80,000 to 120,000 tons, is always kept in stock at Gartsherrie. Beside the native black band there is generally a considerable quantity of hematite used, and the firm work hematite mines of their own near Whitehaven. The black band is calcined in open heaps of about 2000 tons, covered over with small material, so as to exclude an excessive supply of air. Before being charged into the blast furnace, the calcined black band is carefully sorted, and all foreign and impure matter is extracted by hand.

It is probably due to the care bestowed upon the purification of the ingredients used in the blast furnace that the Gartsherrie brand is so much esteemed. It is more like the assaying of precious metals than the rough and ready mode of treating the materials used in the furnaces of Cleveland and other districts. When thus carefully picked and purified, the Gartsherrie ironstone contains a very large percentage of metallic iron; and it only requires 32 cwt. of ore to the ton of iron, or even less.

The weekly production of the Gartsherrie furnaces is about 100 tons each; they are tapped every twelve hours, and produce each about twelve tons of iron at each cast. The production of the works for 1872 was over 120,000 tons, about 80 per cent of this being "No. 1 Gartsherrie," which is the highest quality of foundry iron made.

Beside the establishment at Gartsherrie, the Messrs. Baird acquired the Lugar, Eglington, Portland and Blair Iron Works, all in Ayrshire, and in 1856 they acquired the Muirkirk Iron Works, also in Ayrshire, which, after the Clyde and Carron, are the oldest iron works in Scotland. In 1864 the firm acquired the Portland Iron Works, with five blast furnaces, to which one has since been added. In 1852 the Blair Iron Works came into the market. These works were started by the Ayrshire Iron Company, which became bankrupt through the mismanagement of its affairs. The works of the company were increased at a rate out of all proportion to the capital. Iron was bought on credit and sold for cash at a ruinous sacrifice, and when insolvency followed it was found that there

were \$1,250,000 of liabilities without any assets except the works at Dalry. These works, which originally cost \$450,000 or \$500,000, were ultimately sold to the Messrs. Baird for \$100,000, or \$350,000 less than it cost to build them. At the present time, therefore, the Gartsherrie firm own forty-two blast furnaces, capable of producing, when in full going order, from 1200 to 1500 tons of iron per day. At the present time the output of pig does not exceed 800 tons daily. Altogether, the firm employ upward of 9000 men and boys. And here it may be remarked that the Gartsherrie iron is more valuable than any other brand in Scotland, that of Coltness alone excepted. As a well-known engineer has put it, "a ton of pig iron marked Gartsherrie will command a price in the market which is above the average of the general quotations, but which is also entirely unaffected by the smaller fluctuations in the prices of pigs, the general variations between supply and de-

mand having no influence upon that select brand. The same pig iron, taken to any distant port, will find itself in a similar position by virtue of its brand; and the act of effacing this brand, although it could not possibly alter the intrinsic value of the material, would reduce its market price by 10 or 12 per cent."

From the first Mr. James Baird has been the most active, practical and plodding member of this great firm, and he is now the only one of his name that is associated with its management. With a constructive and inventive genius that was eminently sound and correct, if not very brilliant, he devised many improvements in blast furnace practice. We have already alluded to the assistance he rendered in the perfecting of Neilson's invention of hot blast. But that was only one of his many achievements. It was he who led the way in Scotland to the adoption of the modern shape of the blast furnace, which is very much less in bulk and cost than those used in the early history of the trade, when square bases and other cumbersome and unnecessary features, now obsolete, or nearly so, were in vogue. It has been said that Mr. Baird excelled in suggesting and applying different modes of saving labor in every department; and so skilled was he in all the various processes of manufacture, that the workmen all regarded him as a master of his handicraft.

An extraordinary account has appeared in a French agricultural journal, to the effect that straw forms admirable lightning conductors. It had been observed that straw had the property of discharging Leyden jars without spark or explosion, and some one in the neighbor-

## The Impending Peril.

When France was freed from the Empire, her first act was to terminate the commercial treaty with Great Britain. When this country finally conquered the slave power, it promptly terminated the commercial treaty with the British

Provinces. Such bonds as the Anglo-French and reciprocity treaties are essentially odious to a free people. The Anglo-French treaty, said M. Poyer Quertier, Minister of Finance under M. Thiers, "was negotiated without regard to the sentiment of the country. The French minister shut himself up with three English manufacturers, and fixed the basis of the treaty in the absence of the French manufacturers." M. Thiers, in a speech against the commercial treaty with England, denounced it for its impolicy and injustice, and as an unwarranted assumption of power by the Imperial government. He said: "It was a strange pretension—that of thinking that the government could, of itself alone, decide upon the commercial system of the country. I can understand that the government—when it is composed of the most enlightened men of the country—might believe that it could be a better diplomat, a better warrior than the mass of the nation; but a better merchant, a better manufacturer, a better agriculturist, when the nation is composed of merchants, manufacturers and agriculturists, is an unsustainable pretense." Reprehending the injurious free trade tendency of the treaty, he said: "I can understand that we might hesitate before undertaking to develop certain industries in a country; but what I cannot understand is, that, when they are already developed, we should leave them to perish."



JAMES BAIRD, OF GARTSHERRIE, SCOTLAND.

When Bismarck proposed to enter into a commercial treaty with conquered and prostrate France, Thiers, true to his principles, refused to negotiate, declaring that his country must restore her prosperity by protecting her industries.

We would ask, where were the manufacturers, the merchants, the agriculturists of the United States, when our State Department negotiated the pending reciprocity treaty with the British Provinces? Were they consulted? Have they a right to a voice in the matter? Using the language of M. Quertier, we may say of it that "it was negotiated without regard to the sentiment of the country. The American minister shut himself up with three representatives of English manufacturers, and fixed the basis of the treaty in the absence of the American manufacturers." This act, as compared with that of the French government, is incomparably more arbitrary and presumptuous. That it must be confirmed by the Senate, before it is valid, takes away something of this odium, but there was a most unwarrantable effort to hasten the action of that body, to prevent the voice of the people, the merchants, agriculturists, and manufacturers of the country from being heard. We hold, further, that the settlement by treaty of all the commercial relations between this country and a foreign nation is a perversion of the treaty making power, and in conflict with the Constitution of the United States, which expressly confers upon Congress—not upon the President and Senate—"the regulation of commerce with foreign nations."

The pending treaty will establish free trade with a dependency of the British Empire for a period of twenty-four years. So far as the British Provinces are concerned, it abolishes the tariff laws of the United States. However injurious it may prove to be in practice to the industries and revenues of the country, there will be no way of abrogating it except by war. Whilst it exists, Congress will be deprived of its constitutional power of regulating commerce, and the people, bound hand and foot, and sold for a term of years to a foreign power, will be without remedy.

Consider what may happen in the quarter of a century during which it is proposed to admit all products of the Dominion into this country, free of duty. May not Canada be converted into a workshop in which the crude products of Great Britain, obtained free of duty, will be converted into wares to be sold, duty free, in the United States? Bearing none of the burdens of our debt, paying no taxes for the support of our government, and using material which he may import without contributing to our revenue, the Canadian manufacturer will enjoy such advantages as will render competition with him impossible. He will have a monopoly more lucrative by far than those which arbitrary monarchs have conferred upon undeserving favorites.

It is a mistake to suppose that Canada has now no manufactures. The steel consumers, who appeared before the Committee of Ways and Means to ask a reduction of duties, gave some evidence upon this point. J. N. Hubbard, of the firm of Hubbard, Blake & Co., axe, file and scythe manufacturers, of West Waterville, Maine, said: "We have no competition except from factories in Montreal, Ottawa, and St. Catherine, in Canada, who compete with us in the markets of Canada and Nova Scotia." George Barnes, a manufacturer of knives and sickles for mowers and reapers, of Syracuse, New York, said: "A considerable portion of our trade is obtained in Canada, and there we are met by the competition of parties who removed from Buffalo, in the State of New York, to Canada, in order to escape the heavy duties (on foreign steel) which we have to pay. The result is that if we do any trade in Canada, we have to do it at a very slight profit or at cost. I may mention that, rather than abandon our Canada trade entirely, our company now has it under consideration to build an establishment in Canada."

The movement to Canada, which these statements show to have already begun, will receive a powerful impetus from the treaty surrendering our markets to Canadian manufacturers. It would no longer have in view the inconsiderable trade of Canada, but the infinitely greater prize of the markets of the United States. This consideration is in itself sufficient to cause the utmost alarm, and there are other reasons for apprehending from the treaty the most largely injurious consequences. How will it be possible to identify the infinite number of articles covered by the treaty, as the product or manufacture of Canada? We can see that, with the establishment of branch English manufactories in Canada, the most stupendous frauds could be perpetrated without the possibility of detection; and that country would be made, in effect, a free port for the trade of Great Britain with the United States.

Commercial treaties are the means by which such strong and cunning nations as England draw tribute from weaker peoples. No free country will enter into them without making them terminable at will. They can be imposed upon other terms, only by fraud or force. We regard the indirection and false pretense of the proposed treaty as its most odious features. If we are to have free trade with England, we would prefer to have it pure and simple, open and direct, instead of going about to reach it through striking by-ways, tainted with perjury, and reeking with corruption.

If the treaty-making power justifies such negotiations as our State department has conducted, and the Senate has been asked to approve, then a new peril is disclosed to the people of the United States. They don't possess the right of self-government. Their control of the finances, trade and industry of the country may be taken away from them for years, or forever. If the President and Senate may establish free trade with Canada for twenty-one years, and three years longer, they may establish free trade with England for a hundred years. The right of the people to freely change their laws would thus be wholly lost, the nation would be subjected to the will of a foreign power, from which it could not escape except by such a breach of faith as is recognized as a cause of war. When the Constitution committed to Congress the regulation of commerce with foreign countries, it gave it to the law making power, which is always sovereign, and cannot bind itself irrevocably or abdicate its functions. A commercial treaty, such as is proposed with Canada, is as directly contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution as it is to the character of free government, and the interests of a free people.—*Industrial Bulletin*.

A torpedo trial, which has just been made in Stokes Bay, near Portsmouth, has just ended, as it was hoped it would, in the victory of the ship. An attack on the double bottom of the iron paddle steamer Oberon took place in the presence of a large number of spectators, who made a ring of a respectful radius round the two combatants. The torpedo was sunk at a distance of eighty feet horizontally from the Oberon. On the mine being fired by the engineer officer ashore, an immense fountain-like body of water and black mud rose into the air to a height estimated variously at from 150 to 200 feet, which in falling flooded the Oberon's deck. It exceeded threefold the column of water and mud thrown up at the experiment, but here there was a greater fresh-water saturation of the 500 pounds of gun cotton forming the charge of the mine, and the latter had also a greater head of water over it than the previous mine had. The Oberon still floated, however, without any visible injury to the exterior of the hull, and an examination of the state of things on board led to the discovery of no injury whatever to the sides of the vessel, to the condenser or its tubes.



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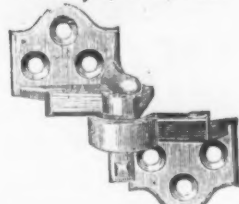
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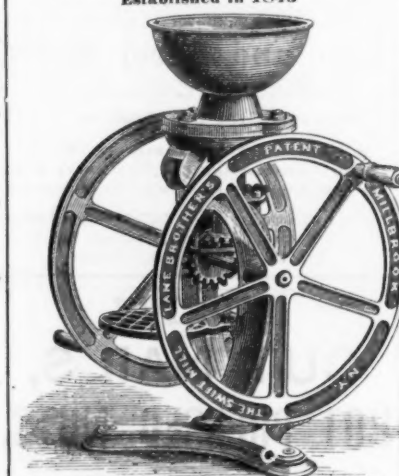
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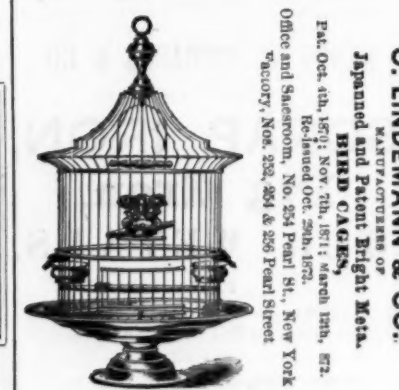
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# The Practical Working of the Crampton Puddling Furnace.

Mr. T. R. Crampton has presented to the British Iron and Steel Institute an account of the practical workings of his revolving puddling furnace, which will be read with interest in connection with the illustrated description of this furnace published in our issue of September 10. We condense as follows:

It has been mentioned that the furnace may be heated and cooled as rapidly as desired, without in any way affecting the stability of the lining or the true running of the furnace itself. This is due to the water casing preventing all excessive or unequal expansion or contraction. It is my impression that unless puddling machines are made absolutely true in the first instance, and are able to retain that truth through their practical working, the wear and tear and inconvenience—to say nothing of the cost of constant repairs from the buckling and distortion of the plates, and the shaking of the entire fabric, and the extra power required—will be so great as to render it doubtful of their becoming a commercial success. As to the gain in yield of puddled bloom on the weight of pig iron charged, the time employed in working the heats, and quantity of coal used per ton of iron made, I will give the results of work in the presence of Mr. Kirk, of Workington, whose scientific and practical knowledge of the subject are well known. The figures are his own. The pig iron charged, 253 cwt., produced 405 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lbs. of puddled bar, showing an increase of 14.544 per cent. To produce this 405 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lbs. the weight of coal was 284 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs., or 14.02 cwt. per ton of puddled bar, including melting the cold pig. This quantity of iron was puddled, in 53 heats, in 80 hours, 38 minutes, including charging, fettling, &c., or 1 hour 31 minutes for each heat. The average charge was 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 1/2 lbs., the average yield 7 cwt. 2 qr. 15 1/2 lbs., or the before mentioned 14.544 per cent. gain. If larger charges had been manipulated, the 14.02 cwt. of coal per ton would have been reduced to 10 cwt., or even less. This has been proved in many instances. The quantity of fettling was about 15 cwt. per ton in these experiments. This may, of course, be reduced, but it may be advisable not to do so, since there is a gain, in a commercial point of view, depending on the value of the fettling. The fettling was mill tap cinder, or puddler's tap, melted with scrap ball. The total fettling cost £9. 6/, but the 43 cwt. of puddle bloom produced from it is worth, at £7 per ton, £14. 14/, showing a net profit of £5. 8/ on the 124 cwt. of fettling, or about 11 1/5 per ton of puddle bar produce. These figures are deduced from the last 27 charges of Mr. Kirk's experiments, it being the only exact data I have to offer, the fettling not having been usually weighed. The general conclusion arrived at by Mr. Kirk was, that the furnace should practically make 5 tons of puddled bloom per shift of 12 hours, with a consumption of 10 cwt. of coal per ton, including melting the cold pig in the furnace.

The advantage of previously melting the pig has been shown by Mr. Jones, who described, at the last meeting of this Institute, that he had increased the quantity of iron puddled per day (if my memory serve me correctly) 50 per cent., and, in consequence, reduced the fuel from 25 cwt. to 16 cwt., or nearly half. With regard to the squeezer and the hammer, I would remark that the squeezer, so far as its operation is known at present, does not express the cinder so effectively as the hammer, as may be seen by the samples of puddled bar exhibited: the squeezer bar being full of dirt, whereas that from the hammer is perfectly clean. If it be desired to sell cinder for iron the squeezer effects the object, but if good clean iron be required, the hammer is the more effective implement. But it is my conviction that, in order to obtain the best results in cleaning iron from cinder, the ball must be as hot as possible, and the cinder all expressed at the first heat under the hammer, avoiding to turn the ball up, which by doing tends to close the channels from which the cinder is running. When the cinder has ceased to flow the ball should be turned up and formed as quickly as possible. It is difficult to carry this out always, but the principle should be kept in view.

Many have thought it was impossible to manipulate 10 cwt. to 12 cwt. balls under the hammer, but at Woolwich a different opinion was entertained, and the puddle balls which have been made have been successfully treated without any great trouble or any special appliances being adopted. At the same heat, the bloom is cut in pieces to the required size by placing a knife upon it and driving it through with the hammer. No difficulty need be apprehended with regard to this part of the process. The perfection to which the hammer expresses the cinder may be seen by examining the broken and polished samples, all which were made from pigs containing 0.87 per cent. to 1.3 per cent. of phosphorus, and rolled direct from reheated puddled blooms without piling. I would further call your attention to the fact that steel can be produced from all those samples, as proved by the steel rails and bars exhibited which were made from portions of the same material. It is my impression if the mode of manufacture direct from the homogeneous mass is to be carried out, the cinder must all be expelled from the puddled ball itself, and I think that no subsequent manipulation will be so effective. It is difficult by reheating to ensure the same temperature in the center of the ball, and neither will hammering or rolling express the cinder locked up in the bloom, but simply spread it over a larger surface. I have no doubt, when it becomes necessary to do so, that balls of a ton weight may be treated under the hammer, with the aid of special appliances. The mechanical detailed arrangements for supplying water to the casing, as well as the mode of conveying and injecting the fuel and air, and the means of attaining high and regular

temperatures, were fully described in a previous paper, and no further improvements have been made on these points, as they are perfect in their operation. But a wearing ring of simple construction may be noticed. It consists of a square bar of iron or steel, or other metal, formed into a ring, and inserted between two angle irons, which form part of the furnace, and is riveted or bolted up between them; the same is applied to the flue. The inner surface of the ring is exposed to the water in the casing, the outer wearing surfaces project about 1/4 inch. These rings are replaced when required. It may be observed that as these rings are always cold and quite true on their faces, but little pressure is required to keep them close together, and practically no liquid cinder passes them.

With regard to the effect produced in puddling, in a revolving furnace, with pulverized coal, in eliminating the foreign matters from the iron, I will call attention to the products as exemplified by the samples. It must be evident to all practical men that such products have not been produced from pig containing considerable quantities of phosphorus and sulphur by any ordinary means. No bar 2 1/2 inches square, which contains an appreciable quantity of phosphorus, could be bent cold and hammered close as those shown; neither could the plates, which have been flanged and manipulated hot, have been so treated did they contain much sulphur (sample of plate formed into a tube and flanged, was made of Cleveland pig), and the plain flanged plates from pig containing 3/4 per cent. of phosphorus. Upon analysis these samples were found to contain mere traces, and in some cases none of these elements could be detected. Specimens of tool steel, made from Cleveland pig, are on the table. This, I believe, the first time that steel has been made practically from inferior qualities of iron, and what the effect may be eventually on the iron and steel industries, I am not competent to predict; but if inferior ores can furnish finished material, such as that shown, it will certainly reduce the necessity of going abroad for superior ore. Phosphorus and sulphur have been the great difficulties that iron and steel makers have had to contend with; and the number of means proposed, and the immense sums of money that have been expended in the endeavor to eliminate these elements, are almost inconceivable. By referring to the analyses read at the May meeting, 1873, by Mr. Schellus, in his report to the commissioners on Mr. Danks' system, it will be seen that the phosphorus was never eliminated to less than 0.2 per cent. from any pig which was used containing originally 0.6 per cent. and upward, and the sulphur was reduced to 0.044 per cent., the pig containing 0.736 per cent. The analyses of Mr. Ainsworth and Mr. Pattinson, in relation to Mr. Spencer's furnace, show that phosphorus was eliminated to as low a percentage as 0.1 per cent., and 0.164 per cent. from pig containing 2.19 per cent., and the sulphur was reduced to 0.05 per cent., the pig containing 0.17 per cent. It was suggested by one of the members that the better results of Mr. Spencer's were due to the purer fettling employed, but the reason given by Mr. Schellus is more in accordance with my views—namely, that high temperature was a most essential point, to which, and the means of maintaining it, I attribute my success. Various bars which were produced from my furnace in November, 1873, from Cleveland pig, have been found, on analysis by Messrs. Vickers, of Sheffield, to contain no phosphorus, and only a trace of sulphur. Some of this iron has been made into steel ingots, samples of which are exhibited made into tools. In conclusion, I respectfully submit to the meeting that, in this and my former paper, of May, 1873, I have to a certain extent shown that the following improvements can be practically carried out, namely, the utilization of slack or small coal without the production of smoke; the automatic feeding of coal and air; the production of heat of high intensity, combined with regularity and economy; the construction of revolving furnaces without brickwork, composed of a single chamber in which the gas is produced, consumed, and the material treated; the reduction of the wear and tear of the furnace by a water casing; an easy mode of fettling; and, lastly, the practicability to eliminate, in the puddling furnace, phosphorus and sulphur from inferior iron to such an extent as to enable it to be converted into the best steel.

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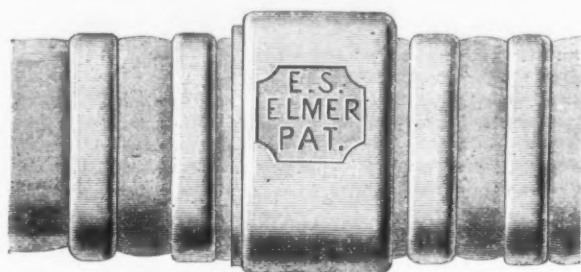
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to avoid the conscription. These workmen receive only soldiers' pay, and are held under strict military discipline. Their officers, like the Director, are well educated men and gentlemen. The writer goes on to say that the Carlists whom he has mixed with are cultivated and liberal men. They are not absolutists nor fanatical Catholics. Neither is their devotion to the King altogether so unqualified as might have been expected. They complain a good deal of his prolonged inaction. The letter proceeds: Those who wish to see real, thoroughgoing, uncompromising Carlism should seek them among the French Legitimists and Ultramontanes. My impression is that at this moment almost every Frenchman is a Carlist in so far as he is an anti-Bismarckian. The



IMPROVED HOSE COUPLING.—Fig. 1.

which prevents the hose from twisting in coupling; the lock being of such a character, however, that no amount of twisting of the hose can unlock it. The parts are so formed that they will not become unserviceable by jamming or other rough usage. The coupling is no larger than an ordinary screw coupling with the lugs required for the wrenches removed, and when coupled, it presents a perfectly smooth surface, so that it can be more conveniently used and closer packed on the carriage.

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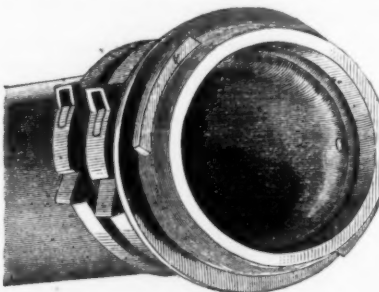


Fig. 2.

by the action of coupling against the packing ring, D, Fig. 2, so that it closely embraces, and is forced more securely there by the back pressure of the water, making it perfectly tight. The lugs of the male butt are held in the recesses of the locking lugs of the female butt by the power of a spring washer. The device is simple and the coupling convenient and durable.

## A Carlist Gun Factory.

A correspondent of the *London Times*, writing from Hendaye, describes a visit to a Carlist gun factory close to the French frontier: We were met by the director of the works, Senor Parada, a young gentleman, long resident in France, uncommonly well informed and intelligent, and combining all the graces of Parisian elegance with consummate Spanish courtesy. The factory over which this gentleman showed us was altogether his contrivance. The machinery was made in Paris under his direction, at a cheaper price, he said, than he could have procured it either in England or Belgium, and it was also conveyed by himself across the frontier by the route I had just followed, the size and weight of the machinery, I should think, making up as bulky and heavy a conveyance as would be made by four batteries of artillery taken to pieces. This happened about six weeks ago, and at that time it is evident that wares of this description traveling across the line met with no hindrance on the part of the French authorities, though surely the tools wherewith cartridges are made ought to be as much contraband of war as the ready-made cartridges themselves might be.

But six or seven weeks ago France had not recognized Serrano's government; she ignored the civil war, and in her neighborly neutrality she made no difference between Carlism and Republicans, and looked upon neither as belligerents. The same material would not probably be allowed to get across now. The factory employs about 150 workmen, and produces from 10,000 to 14,000 cartridges daily. It will attain much greater activity when water-power is, as it soon will be, applied to the machinery which is now worked by hand. The Carlism have, however, beside this another and a larger cartridge manufactory at Sequito, nearer to headquarters. A great difficulty of the Carlism is found in the different bores of their rifles, which they have received from England, France, Belgium and America, resigning themselves in their pressing need to the inconvenience, on the principle that "beggars should not be choosers."

The Urday factory supplies six different kinds of cartridges suiting the peculiarities of six different weapons. The most esteemed among them are the Remingtons, of which Don Carlos is said to have 10,000 or 12,000. The laborers employed at Urday, as I said, are soldiers, and they are especially chosen from among those natives of the Basque and other Carlist districts who have either come over as deserters from the Republican army or absconded from districts still subjected to the Republican government

themselves at the head of the Ultramontane host throughout the world, and then they would hardly need the aid of Russia, as they would rely on the co-operation of the Catholic subjects of all European States, and even on that of 14,000,000 of Bismarck's own subjects, those whom the Iron Chancellor persecutes and oppresses, whose priests he fines and imprisons, whose bishops he drives from their sees. It is easy to laugh at these anticipations as altogether illusory. But the immediate effect is to throw difficulties and dangers into the path of the French authorities, who, in their conduct towards the Spanish Carlism, waver between the fear of Bismarck's displeasure if they are too glaringly remiss in their guardianship of the frontier, and the dread of unpopularity among their own people if they exercise too strict a check on the Carlist movement."

## Preventing Smoke.

In the address lately delivered before the British Association, by Prof. James Thomson, C. E., L. L. D., we find the following:

The atmosphere of our large towns, where people live by hundreds of thousands all the year round, is not yet guarded against needless pollution by smoke jealously, as it ought to be. Many of the wealthier inhabitants take refuge in living in the country, or in the suburbs of the town, as far away as they can from the most densely built and most smoky districts; but the great masses of the people, including many of all ranks, must live near their work, and for them at least greater exertions are due than have yet been made toward maintaining and improving the salubrity and the amenities of our towns. As to the abatement or prevention of smoke from the furnaces of steam engines, the main requisites have long been very well known; but sufficient energy and determination have not yet been manifested toward securing their due application in practice. In too many cases futile plans have been tried, and on being soon abandoned, have left a strong impression against the trying of more experiments; and this may account in part for the introduction of real improvements having been so slow. Smoke occurs when fresh coal is thrown suddenly, in too large a quantity at once, on a hot fire. By extreme care a fireman may throw coal into his furnace so gradually as to make very little smoke; but mechanical arrangements for introducing constantly and uniformly the new supply of fresh coal have been devised, and several of these have been such as to reduce the smoke emitted to almost nothing. I have seen in the neighborhood of Glasgow, at a large manufacturing establishment at Thornliebank, one method which is applied to about thirty ordinary 40-horse-power boilers, in which upward of 100 tons of coal are daily burned, and from the chimneys of which not more smoke is emitted than from many a kitchen fire. This method is under the patent of Messrs. Vicars, of Liverpool, and it seems to work very well. It has been about two years in work

there. It was introduced at a time when coal was exceedingly high in price, as much to effect economy in fuel as to prevent smoke; and although the first cost was somewhere about £130 per boiler, the proprietor considers himself to be already more than recouped for his outlay, as a saving of fully 13 per cent. in the fuel consumed was effected. At the same works I have also seen in operation the method of Messrs. Haworth & Hosfall, of Todmorden, which has, I am told, in certain circumstances, some advantages over the other. In this, as in the other the coal is fed in uniformly by mechanical arrangements. The mechanism is different in the two cases, but the result in the motion communicated to the coals is very much alike in both. The bed of coal, which is gradually supplied in front, is caused to travel along the bars toward the inner end of the furnace, and the combustion proceeds in a very uniform manner in conditions highly favorable to economy of fuel, and without the emission of almost any visible smoke.

These two methods I have mentioned because they appear both to work very successfully in practice, while they both bring into effect the principle of action of the fuel which has long appeared to me to be the best that can be adopted for ordinary cases of steam engine boilers.

## Electro Examination of the Action of Soft Water on Lead.

The subject of the action of soft water on lead has recently much occupied the attention of the Academy of Science, at Paris. The following presents a summary of the last and most important results laid before the Academy, as extracted from the *Comptes Rendus*:

M. Mayengon and Bergeret state that sulphureted hydrogen is not a sufficiently exact test to discover the presence of lead in solution. It has hitherto been considered as the test most to be relied on. They have found, however, that sulphide of lead formed, on adding the test, is slightly soluble in water saturated with sulphureted hydrogen, and also in many natural soft waters. If water containing a salt of lead be treated with an excess of sulphureted

hydrogen, and then filtered, all the lead does not remain on the filtered paper, for the liquid that has passed through still contains some of the metal. This is readily proved by having recourse to an electric current, for the negative pole—say a platinum wire—immersed in such a solution undergoing electrolysis will speedily have a deposit of metallic lead on its surface. The presence of the lead is proved in the following manner:

The platinum wire is exposed for some seconds to the action of gaseous chlorine; the lead, if any be on its surface, is at once converted into the chloride. This is then placed on a piece of filtering paper, moistened with a very dilute solution of iodide of potassium. Immediately a trace is afforded of the yellow iodide of lead. This result may be verified in the following way: The platinum wire, from which only a portion of the lead has been removed as chloride, is to be rubbed on a piece of common white paper, and this is to be exposed to sulphureted hydrogen gas, when a brown tint will be at once seen. All the results that the experimenters obtained were thus doubly verified. By many trials they became assured, having had constantly the same results that, first, neither the artificial nor natural (galena) sulphide of lead were insoluble; and, second, that sulphureted hydrogen, while precipitating a large amount of the lead as sulphide, still leaves sufficient in solution to be easily determined.

During the course of their investigation they employed a variety of solutions for the purpose of obtaining conducting liquids for use in electrolysis, such as sal-ammoniac, caustic soda, and sulphuric acid (said to be pure), but they found that all these contained traces of lead, which invalidated their experiments. They eventually employed a solution of crystallizable acetic acid, which was free from that metal.

They tried repeated experiments on the action of the waters of the Loire, Rhone and Saone on lead, and in each case the electrolytic method showed that a portion of lead had been dissolved. The result proved that the metal was soluble even in such water as contained both carbonate and sulphate of lime (hitherto considered as preventing the chance of the lead being dissolved). Their experiments were repeated with the same results in water artificially charged with those salts of lime. Various waters used for domestic purposes at Paris afforded the same effects.

Their general conclusions are as follows: 1, that sulphide of lead is soluble in soft water, and also in sulphureted hydrogen; 2, that sulphureted hydrogen is not a reliable test for minute portions of lead in solution; 3, that soft river waters, more or less holding carbonate and sulphate of lime in solution, dissolve lead; as 4, do also those liquids artificially prepared to imitate them; 5, that the water of St. Etienne, supplied to public and private establishments, etc., contains lead in solution; but, 6, that the quantity so dissolved is too small to affect the public health, as has been proved in the hospitals, schools, and other places in Paris and its suburbs, supplied with that water. They have not yet satisfied themselves, however, as to how far lead may affect or enter into, physiologically, the digestive organs of the human system—a matter which they propose to further inquire into.



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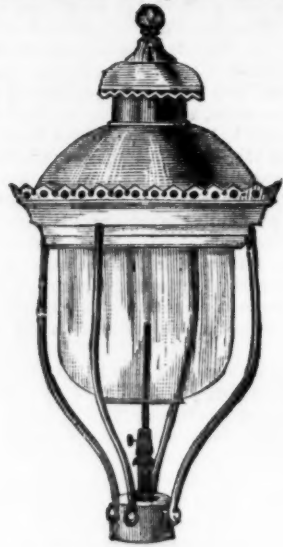
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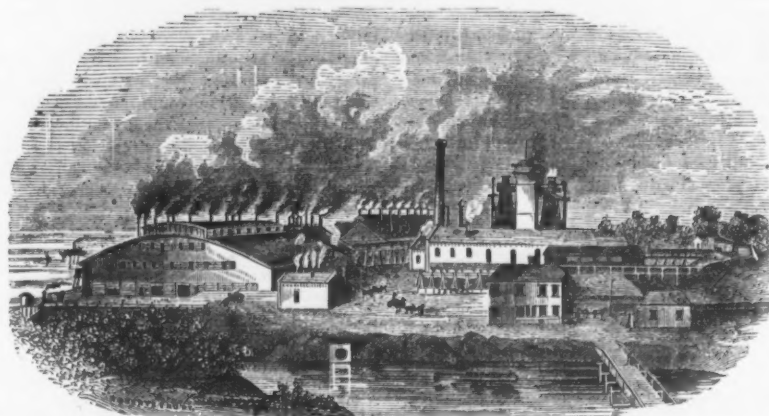
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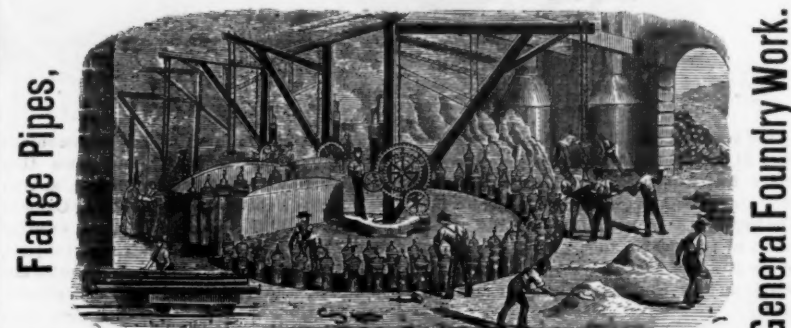
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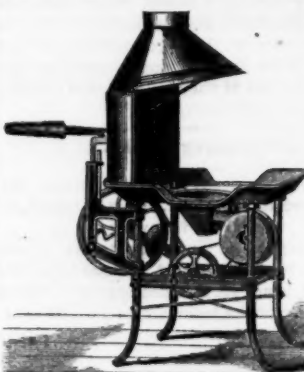
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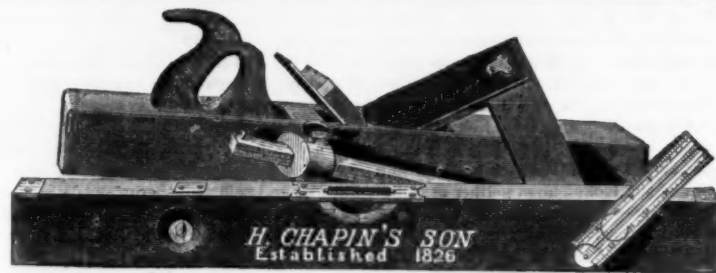
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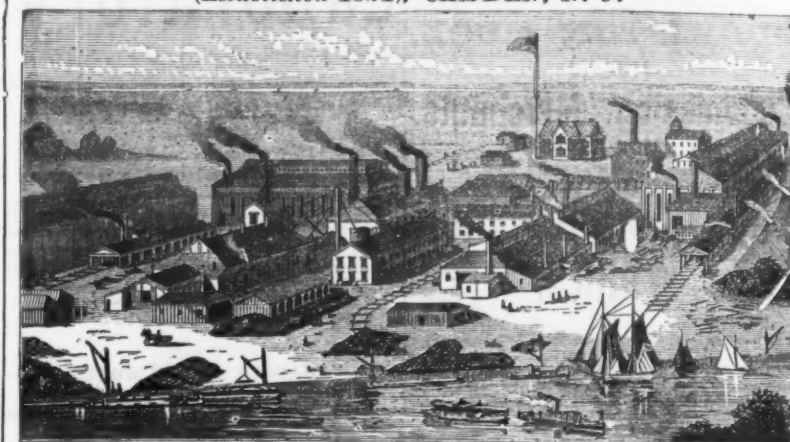
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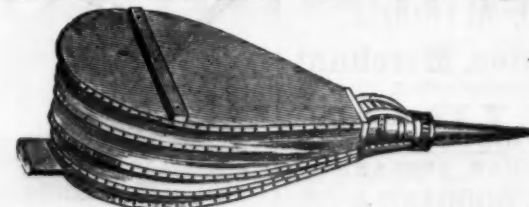
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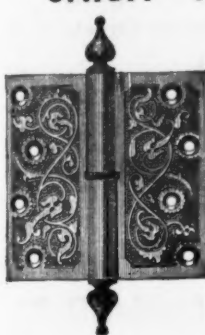
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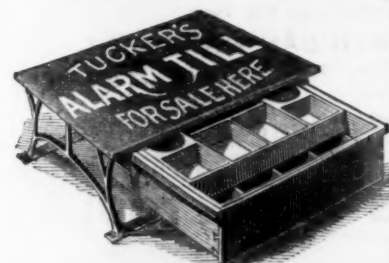
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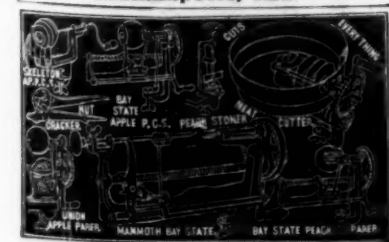


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### American Rolling Mills.

The following is an abstract of the paper on American Rolling Mills, read before the British Iron and Steel Institute, by Mr. Lyman Holley, of this city:

The object of this paper was to describe the general arrangement of American steel rail mills of recent type, and some of the more important details of their machinery and practice, rather than to bring forward any remarkable novelty. The character of mill structure in the Northern States is largely affected by meteorological conditions. A series of small span roofs covering a continuous area is impracticable; heavy snows would drift into the valleys, and by alternate freezing and thawing, fill them with a dangerous weight of ice. There may be transcepts with diagonal valleys, and lean-to roofs like those of aisles; but the succession of slopes should be uninterrupted from ridge to eaves. These conditions require trusses of long span, but not necessarily of greater cost, as intermediate columns and their foundations are avoided. The absence of columns also facilitates the arrangement of machinery. The extreme variations in temperature require a mere shed in summer, and a closed building in winter. These conditions are best met by setting the roof on piers rather than on a continuous wall. The openings are stopped above by windows, and below by doors or by light panels, removable in summer. For ventilation, a number of light chimneys or lanterns of large diameter are found better and far cheaper than a continuous lantern roof.

The mill shown in the illustrative drawing represented part of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, near Pittsburgh, now nearly completed. It consists of iron trusses, 20 feet apart, covered with sheet iron, and standing on iron columns 25 feet high. The main building is 100 feet by 380 feet, and will be lengthened 80 feet to accommodate four more reheating furnaces. This mill is specially arranged to bloom 2-rail or 3-rail ingots, and to roll these blooms into rails, at the rate of 200 tons per day. It is also adapted to rolling heavy merchant steel up to 60 feet lengths. The 23 inch 3 high rail train is divided into three instead of two stands of rolls, in order to be strong enough for heavy sections. The additional lateral movement of the rail on the heats, thus made necessary, causes no delay in the long run. By means of a movable saw carriage the same driving apparatus which draws the rail to the saws also places the carriage in position to receive the bar from either stand of finishing rolls. Two of the carrying rollers behind the train are driven from the saw engine, and deliver the rail upon the saw carriage. The rail is usually drawn upon the hot straightening plate by power, thus employing the minimum of labor. The 30 inch 3 high blooming train is so placed as to occupy room in the body of the mill otherwise not used, and is so set with reference to the 3 ton hammer, that the blooms are cut in three and chipped, on their way to their heating furnaces. The hot straightening plate is placed between two hot beds, instead of at the end of one, in order to better accommodate two cold straightening presses. As there is not sufficient room across a mill otherwise wide enough, for a hot bed on which 200 tons of rails per day can be conveniently handled, the necessary addition is made, and at the same time a 60 feet hot bed and straightening plate are provided, for long lengths, simply by placing two 30 feet plates and their hot beds end to end. The finished machinery is arranged chiefly with reference to economy of labor in moving the rails, but also with regard to economy of room, as it must all be under roof. The rails lie always longitudinally with the building, and pass straight out at its end, the only lateral movement being across one of the short hot beds and cold beds. The finishing tools are in this case driven by a single engine and overhead shafting, although attaching a small engine to each press and punch is a more common practice. Changing rolls is done by means of a portable crane, which ordinarily stands behind the pinions out of the way. Gas reheating furnaces are exclusively employed in this mill, and in the last two steel mills started in America, as well as in several new iron rail and merchant mills, gas furnaces are being gradually introduced in the best old mills, and it is probable that few American works, save those erected under very exceptional conditions, will in future embody the old and wasteful system of burning solid fuel in individual furnaces. The Siemens system is, of course, the most common, being the most highly developed, and it is, without exception, as far as the author is aware, working well. For reheating ingots, a double flat bottomed furnace is employed, because it is more economical than two single furnaces of equal capacity, and because ingots, especially when charged hot from the molds, do not require a heat which produces a troublesome amount of cinder. The bloom furnaces, however, are made single, because they require a sloping bottom and a slag tap in the rear, but chiefly because it is impracticable to secure the uniform high heats necessary, while constantly charging into and drawing from a large double furnace. The ingot charging and drawing apparatus involves the minimum of labor and of cost. A charge of 14 inch ingots, weighing about a ton each, is laid, in the adjacent Bessemer works, upon a railway car. When the ingots are crystallized, but still red hot, the car is drawn to the reheating furnace by a small locomotive. A workman then thrusts a long peel (made of gas pipe) through a notch in the car, under the ingot, until a stop on the peel comes against the rear of the ingot; he then passes a chain fixed to a hydraulic piston, around a sheave which lies on a beam in front of the furnace, and slips it over a V in the end of the peel. Water then being admitted to the hydraulic piston, the peel slides smoothly into the furnace, carrying

the ingot with it; turning the peel to one side, by means of its handles, rolls the ingot off. Thus, in four or five minutes, two men and a boy can charge a Bessemer heat of hot ingots. The drawing is done by throwing a hook over the ingot, and passing the chain the other way around the sheave.

The most important feature of American roll trains, for both heavy and light work, were illustrated by drawings constructed by Mr. John Fritz, at the Bethlehem Iron Works. 1st. Like all American 3 high mills, it has grooved top and bottom rolls, instead of grooved bottom and middle rolls, thus greatly economizing in length of rolls, and preventing the necessity of turning the piece over after each pass. The grooves open alternately upward and downward, and hence the fin that was formed in the top of the groove, in the lower pass, is smoothed down by the solid bottom of the groove on the upper pass. 2d. The grooves are opened and closed while the rolls are running. Rectangular bars, and many such shapes as beams and angles are thus worked, in many of their passes, in the same time as by fixed rolls, and with much less total length of rolls than is required in the ordinary 3 high or 2 high mills. This is especially convenient for odd sizes. The bolsters of the middle roll are fixed solidly upon shoulders in the housings by bolts in the heavy mills, and by struts (to facilitate changing rolls) in the lighter mills. The rolls are counterbalanced so as to reduce the wear on the screws to the minimum, and in such a manner that the whole apparatus hangs conveniently in the pit between the foundations. The housing screws are fitted with telescopic sheaths, so as to prevent the entrance of dirt, and are oiled by means of a central vertical oil hole and radial holes leading from it to the exterior of the screw at various points. The first blooming train in which the rolls were adjusted by power derived from the engine, was erected by the author at Troy, in 1870, and has been almost constantly running on 12 inch and 14 inch ingots. In this mill the middle roll is shifted after each pass, the top and bottom rolls being fixed. In the more recent American mills roll trains are machine fitted on all their bearing surfaces (excepting only the couplings) like steam engine work, and with the same accuracy; and this, to a great extent, accounts for their large and constant production.

The working details of rail mills of this kind are as follows: Ingot heating is not divided into "rounds;" ingots are charged, a Bessemer heat at a time, hot from the molds, into whichever part of a furnace has most room for them, and the hottest ingots are drawn as fast as required for rolling. There may sometimes be thirty or forty ingots in the two furnaces at a time. Blooming trains are ordinarily worked up to the capacity of a pair of five ton vessels, averaging 150 tons per twenty-four hours; the Cambria train, with two such furnaces, has heated and rolled two rail ingots at the rate of 300 tons per day. The output, with three rail ingots, is about one-fourth greater. The time of rolling a fourteen inch ingot to a seven inch bloom in sixteen to eighteen passes is from 3 1/2 to 4 minutes. The speed of the train is from forty to forty-five revolutions per minute. The engine, directly connected, is 36 inch by 4 feet, or its equivalent, carrying steam at 70 lb., and having a 40 ton fly-wheel. The blooms are cut while red-hot into three single rail blooms, either by a heavy shears or under a three ton hammer. Chipping, when it is required, is so thoroughly done hot under this hammer that no cold chipping is required. Blooms are often taken hot to the reheating furnaces, but this practice is not as yet general. The regular capacity of the average American three-high train may be put down at 200 tons per twenty-four hours, of 60 to 65 lb. rails 30 feet long, although most of the mills have too few reheating furnaces for so large a product. The Scranton Mill for some time averaged 440 iron rails in one turn, out of eleven ordinary reheating furnaces, or at the rate of some 225 tons per day. The Superior Mill, at Pittsburgh, and the Danville Mill have averaged 360 iron rails per turn out of ten and twelve furnaces respectively. The Cambria Mill and the Troy Mill have frequently made 380 to 340 steel rails per turn, out of nine furnaces, which is 180 to 190 tons per day, or from 1000 to 1040 tons per week of eleven turns, or 5 1/2 days. A 6 1/2 to 7 inch bloom is rolled into a 60 to 65 lb. rail in thirteen to fifteen passes; the rolling occupied 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 minutes. The speed of 21 to 24 inch trains is from seventy to eighty revolutions per minute. The engine (direct) is, for steel, the equivalent of 46 in. by 4 feet, carrying steam at 70 lb., and having a 50-ton fly-wheel. The fuel employed in gas furnaces does not exceed 400 lb. per ton of product for each reheat; the steam coal varies greatly with the character of engines, and averages some 600 lb. per ton of rails for all rolling mill purposes. The greatest economy of the gas furnace lies in its saving of oxidation. Careful experiments at the Union Iron Works, Pittsburgh, show its saving to be 5 per cent. in heating iron beam-piles, as compared with the coal furnace. A year's practice at the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company's Works, at Worcester, gave 2-3 per cent. waste on 1 1/2 inch iron wire billets, against an average of 7 per cent. with the coal furnace, and at the same works a week's run has been made with 1-34 per cent. oxidation. The saving of steel is, of course, less than that of iron, because the temperatures are lower. The future improvements most required, would appear to be labor saving machines to handle the work at the rail rolls. A better rail straightening machine is also very much needed. The limit of production for a single train seems to have been practically reached at 200 tons of bars per day; improved quality and machine-handling are now the problems that first require solution.

The project to construct a tunnel between France and England is assuming a practical

phase. The capitalists and engineers embarked in this gigantic enterprise demand a concession of thirty years instead of the ninety-nine usually accorded to railway companies, and ask for neither guarantee nor grant. Further, they are ready to advance a sum of 4,000,000 fr. for preliminary investigations. The project in question consists in the immersing of a duct on the English and French coasts, and the boring of two long galleries from each side. The soul of the enterprise, with MM. Michel Chevalier, Leon Say and Rothschild, is M. Lavalley, an engineer, who has surmounted the greatest difficulties in the construction of the Suez canal, and without whom this gigantic enterprise could not have been accomplished. M. Lavalley estimates the cost of the work at 150,000,000 fr.; the English engineers think it will amount to 250,000,000 fr. He suggests that this work should be done partly by France and partly by England, and that to induce the two countries to press on this undertaking energetically, there should be a bonus for the one which works the fastest. The 4,000,000 fr. forming the preliminary capital are nearly all, it is said, subscribed.

### Blast Furnace Accidents.

M. Cornuault has done good service in making a communication to the Paris Society of Civil Engineers on the subject of accidents to blast furnaces in the United States, and on the means of preventing such accidents. He says that all those connected with blast furnaces are liable to have to do with disarrangements and dangers, but that few have had the opportunity of witnessing the many kinds of accidents which may occur.

The years 1872 and 1873 were marked by a long series of explosions, and accidents of various kinds in the United States, and especially in Pennsylvania, in consequence of the avidity of the proprietors of furnaces to take advantage of the high price and large demand for pig iron. The blast furnaces were overworked. Excessive charges were adopted, and the action of the furnace raised to the highest pitch.

The first furnace accident in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh was through the breaking down of its charging apparatus. The fall of the charge caused the brick work of the sides to be forced out. This arose from the insufficient thickness of the fire clay brick work at the upper part of the body of the furnace. When the support of the beam to which the cone is suspended is placed too near the edge, the weight of the whole, charge included, is thrown on too small a surface, and just on that part of the masonry which is too weak to sustain the constant shocks and heavy weight thrown upon it. The masonry, then, should be made more solid, and the support of the beam to which the cone is attached further from the axis of the furnace. Strong cast iron bars might also be introduced, and built strongly in with the brick work, so as to bind the whole firmly together.

Two other furnaces at the same works were injured by leaking from the crucible; the liquid iron found its way to the foundations. The usual remedy was applied—clearing out the furnace and pouring in fire clay, mixed up with water, in order, first, to solidify the iron in the fissures, and then to entirely fill up the latter. A furnace at another establishment at Pittsburgh was choked from the crucible up to the level of the stages, about 24 feet, and the troublesome operation of clearing it out to the height of 8 or 10 feet had been commenced, when the founder asked one of the directors to get him a cannon. A mortar was obtained from the arsenal, and a shot was fired upward against the mass of iron which filled the furnace. Each shot made a portion fall, but the iron becoming pasty afterward, retained the balls. A heavy charge of powder was then placed in the mortar, which was then filled up with cotton waste, and above this was placed a piece of hard ore, weighing about 50 pounds. This extraordinary charge produced its effect. The whole mass of iron and balls came down at once, and the furnace was cleared.

Explosions of blast furnaces are frequent, and the damage done is always serious. The temperature is excessively high in modern furnaces, and the enormous mass of material contained, and the increased height of the profile are amongst the principal causes which augment the chances of the explosion of gas; the great hot air ways, 16 to 24 inches in diameter, which lead from the blowing engine to the tuyeres, facilitate the entrance of the gases from the furnace to the regulator and the engine, where the explosions generally take place, though in some cases they occur in the hot air apparatus itself.

According to the American metallurgist, Acheson, the rules which should be religiously observed to prevent accidents are: (1) To have good foundries, capable of telling whether water has been introduced into the furnace, and to stop it on the instant; (2) to have a proper register which will act rapidly in the principal hot air way, in front of, but very near, the point where the passages enter which conduct the hot blast to the tuyeres, and always to close this valve at the moment the blast is stopped in order to prevent the return of the gas from the furnace into the air passages; (3) to open the traps by means of which the tuyeres are cleared out, immediately after the blast has been stopped, the surest way, however, being to open them just before the blast is shut off, then immediately afterward to close the registers, so that the gases of the furnace have free issue by the traps, but are prevented from entering the hot air ways; (4) if the furnace has a closed throat, always take care to open the charging apparatus when the blast is stopped, and allow it to remain open until the blower is at work again. In order to produce complete security in this respect, a bell should be placed in such a position as to warn the chargers to open the throat at the moment the engineer stops the engine and the blast is cut off.

Theoretically there is nothing new in the above, but, unfortunately, carelessness is no novelty also, and rules like these cannot be insisted on with too much earnestness.—Iron.



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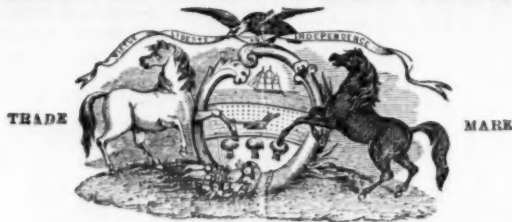
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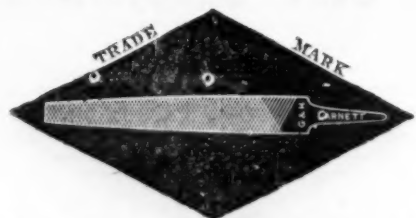
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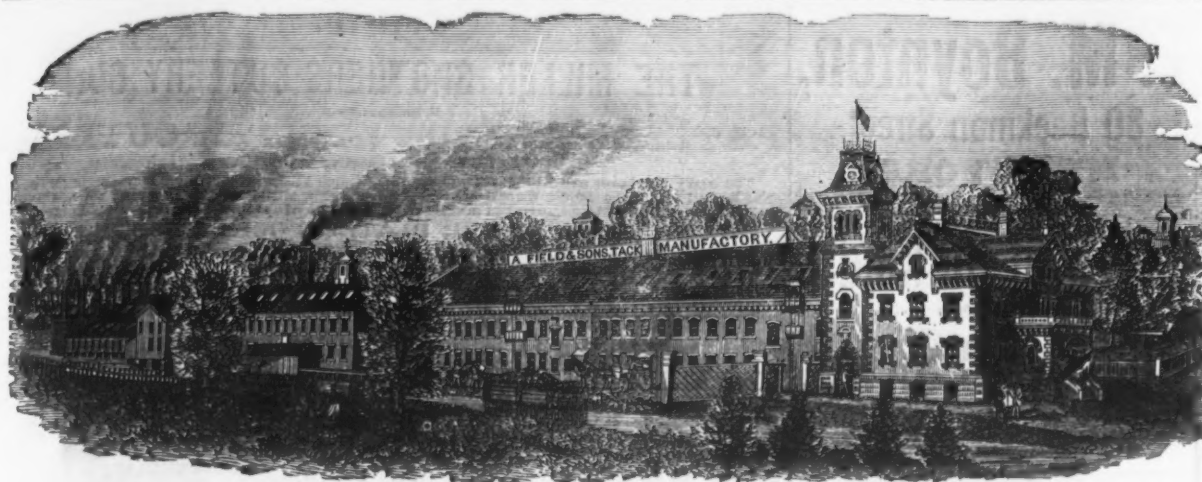
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## BUSINESS ITEMS.

## NEW YORK.

The Bessemer Steel Works and Rensselaer Rail Mill, Troy, went into blast on Monday, the 21st, on a large order from W. and E. R. R. Corning Iron Works shut down on the 19th—"lack of orders." Burden's Bar Mill and Forge are running, and they have a furnace out of blast for repairs. They will also put a Ford oven in place of the ones on top. J. B. Carrs & Co. Chain Works are shut down for repairs, also Green's Spring Works. Corder & Son are building a malt machine for a Hartford firm. All the stove foundries are running full, some firms shipping 100 to 150 per diem.

## NEW JERSEY.

The rolling mill at Paterson is employing 300 men, night and day, turning out floor beams, &c., for the Centennial buildings at Philadelphia, and for the new State Capitol at Albany.

The contract for the Eastern Avenue draw bridge, in Jersey City, has been awarded to the Phillipsburg Manufacturing Company, who undertake the job for \$20,000.

The rolling mills of J. Marshall & Co., at Newport and Marshfield, are now making full time, running day and night, with enough orders ahead to continue operations in this manner until November. During that month the mill at Newport will be lengthened 50 feet.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

The Glen Rolling Mill, Allentown, started up on the 10th inst., with orders enough to keep its machinery employed for some months.

The Messrs. Brown, of Warren, are about to build a foundry and machine shops at Reynolds-ville, Jefferson county.

The Hancock Steel and Iron Company have purchased the works of the National Iron Company, located at Danville.

The Schuylkill Iron Company, of Pottsville, proposes to build extensive works at Washington, N. J., the junction of the main line of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western with the Morris and Essex Division.

The sheet iron mill of Messrs. Seyfert, McManus & Co., Reading, will commence work in a few days.

The National Iron Company's old mill, at Danville, is soon to be thoroughly overhauled and repaired.

Epping, Carpenter & Co., of the Keystone Steam Pump Works, Pittsburgh, have recently completed a large mining pump weighing seven tons, for Ward, Warner & Co., Mineral Ridge, Ohio.

Clark, Reeves & Co. have a contract to build an iron bridge for the Maine Central Road, at Ticonic Falls.

The Atlas Works, at Pittsburgh, are filling an order for the entire machinery of a new rolling mill at Quebec, Canada.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch states that Allen's patent ore pulverizer is now running at Wm. Fisher's works, in that city. The Dispatch describes its operation as follows: "It rapidly brings iron ore to a flux at one operation, and will reduce gold quartz and other ores more thoroughly and economically than the stamp, stone breaker and rolls combined, ready for the final action in the amalgamator. The vital parts of the machine consist of two vertical jaws that swing or vibrate backward and forward together within a yoke, producing a double rubbing motion. The uniform size of the product is regulated by set screws and levers within the yoke, reducing ore from the largest lumps even down to dust."

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Pattee & Perkins, Holyoke, have received an order for five of Perkin's patent hydrants, for a cotton mill at West Warren.

A large rolling mill, 300 feet long by 100 feet in width, is to be erected on the old ship yard at Somerset.

The Swain Turbine Wheel Company, whose manufacturing is done by Warner & Whitney, of Nashua, N. H., propose to build a large machine shop and foundry in Lowell, to manufacture their wheels; also steam engines, and all work necessary to furnish motive power for all sorts of manufactures.

## CONNECTICUT.

The New England Ready Motor Company has been organized at Hartford, with a capital of \$300,000, for the manufacture of the Brayton motor.

The Hartford Pump Company has for the past year been putting up pumps to raise water by compressed air, in the Eastern States and Canada. The air is compressed by a windmill in which all the working parts are protected from the weather, so that there can be no clogging from sleet or ice in winter. From this windmill the air is carried in pipes any required distance to the well, where it acts directly on the surface of the water in two metal chests, emptying first one and then the other. The device by which the air is supplied and cut off at the proper moment is very simple and ingenious. The stream of water is not interrupted at the charge. At Lakeville, one of the machines supplies a public building, inhabited by eighty to a hundred persons, raising the water 93 feet, at a horizontal distance of about 450 feet. Two at Martha's Vineyard raise water 115 feet, at a horizontal distance of about a quarter of a mile, and supply six houses. The tanks are overflowing a good part of the time, and the owners of the machines say they could supply six more houses with ease. Still another, at Montreal, raises water 103 feet. Wherever the pumps have been set excellent reports have been received. This company is to be congratulated on having recently secured the services of Dr. Geo. S. Miller, late insurance commissioner of Connecticut, as general agent.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The water power at Sewall's Falls has been sold to a company which proposes to establish a car factory there.

## OHIO.

The Iron and Steel Company's mills, at Iron- ton, have started in full. The prospects now

are that the mills will make a steady run this fall.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad are building extensive works at Newark. The works, when completed, will consist of a store house and office 100x50 feet; boiler shop, 70x180 feet; blacksmith shop, 70x180 feet; foundry, 200x70 feet; car shop, 230 feet in diameter, and containing a turning table 55 feet in diameter; wood working machine building, 300x70 feet; and a locomotive shop 275 feet in diameter, with standing room for 30 locomotives. The buildings are of brick and cover 23 acres.

James Means & Co., of Steubenville, are making extensive additions to their foundry and machine works, in the shape of a brick building of a size sufficient to give room for their large business.

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Empire Stove Works, of Brand & Co., Milwaukee, employ from 50 to 60 men all the year round. Use 5 tons of iron per day, and turn out from 10,000 to 12,000 stoves annually. The members of the firm are Mr. S. Brand and J. Goldsmith.

## ILLINOIS.

A new manufacturing establishment, called the Globe Vise and Tool Works, has been recently started in Chicago by Mastin & Doyle. They will manufacture vises, hammers, sledges, mining and railroad tools.

## MINNESOTA.

The Minneapolis Harvester Works have been leased by the company to Messrs. D. Morrison and Jas. L. Spink, for a term of six years, from Sept. 1st. This will be good news to the large number of mechanics formerly employed there, and who, since the works have been shut down, have been out of employment.

## KENTUCKY.

The Works of the American Fire Extinguisher Company, at Louisville, are in full blast. The company has a capital of \$250,000, and employs 75 hands.

## A New Furnace at Chattanooga.

The Chattanooga Times gives the following account of the first cast at the Chattanooga Iron Company's new furnace, on the 11th inst.:

We had the pleasure yesterday evening of witnessing the first cast of iron made at the new furnace of the Chattanooga Iron Company, which was blown in on Thursday. About three tons of iron were made, classed as gray forge. Everything worked smoothly, and so far, at least, the furnace is a complete success. It will take several weeks, however, to get the run of the furnace, and to ascertain the charge to which it is best adapted. At present the charge is 1050 lbs. ore (brown and red hematite in equal proportions) and 750 lbs. coke, with about 40 per cent. of limestone.

The successful operation of the furnace will mark an important era in the history of Chattanooga. If this furnace is successfully operated, and makes good iron cheaply, all of which seems very probable from the complete success which has so far attended it, there will be within a few years a half dozen more furnaces located here, and rolling mills, foundries and forges in proportion.

It must also be a source of pride to every citizen of Chattanooga to know that this furnace has been built entirely in Chattanooga—engines, boilers, hot blast ovens, fire brick and common brick all being of Chattanooga manufacture and put up by Chattanooga mechanics. No other city in the Union, except Pittsburgh, is able to build and equip a first-class blast furnace without sending abroad for anything needed in its construction.

The stack of this furnace is 65½ feet high, encased in boiler iron, and having the cup and cone attachment at the mouth. It is 13 feet wide at the boshes and 5 feet in diameter at the door of the hearth, and 6 feet at the top, the hearth being 5 feet deep. Its daily capacity will be from 25 to 36 tons of pig metal. The blowing engine has a 36 inch steam cylinder, and 4 feet stroke, with 129 horse-power at 60 pounds of steam. The steam is supplied from a battery of 4 boilers, each 50 feet long and 33 inches in diameter. The hot blast ovens consist each of 32 tubes, in the shape of an inverted U, through which the air will be forced with a pressure at the four tuyeres of the furnace of four pounds to the square inch, and at a temperature of 1100°. All of this machinery, the casing for the stack, and the casting used in building, were made by Webster & Marks, and the fire brick by Abbot & Goldman, of this city. The officers of the company are: Dr. J. N. McLane, president; Ed. Dowd, secretary; Hugh McNeal, superintendent. Capital stock, \$100,000.

**High Temperatures.**—Several memoirs upon the highest temperatures actually and theoretically attainable have lately been presented to the French Academy. M. Cailletet has been studying the influence of pressure on combustion. He finds, by means of an ingenious apparatus in which he has been able to burn not only a candle, but also a wick fed with alcohol, in highly condensed air, that the light gradually increases with the compression, finally becoming dazzling and so brilliant as to rival that of phosphorus in oxygen. But then, however, if the pressure be increased, the brilliance of the light diminishes, the flame becomes smoky and flakes of lamp black are deposited. From this it is clear that the temperature of the combustion increases with the pressure up to the point of dissociation of the hydrocarbon gases of the candle. The same fact was shown by the spectrum; the spectrum increased with the temperature up to a certain limit, which could not readily be passed. From these facts Deville draws the conclusion that it is very decidedly an error to estimate the sun's temperature at several millions of degrees. These experiments, as well as those of Berthelot and his own, go to show that there is a limit to possible temperatures, and that a burning body cannot produce heat of an indefinite intensity. "Perhaps," he says, "the temperature of 2000° C. is the highest temperature which can exist in the universe." M. Violle concludes from some experiments which he has made that there cannot be a temperature higher than 1400° C. anywhere.



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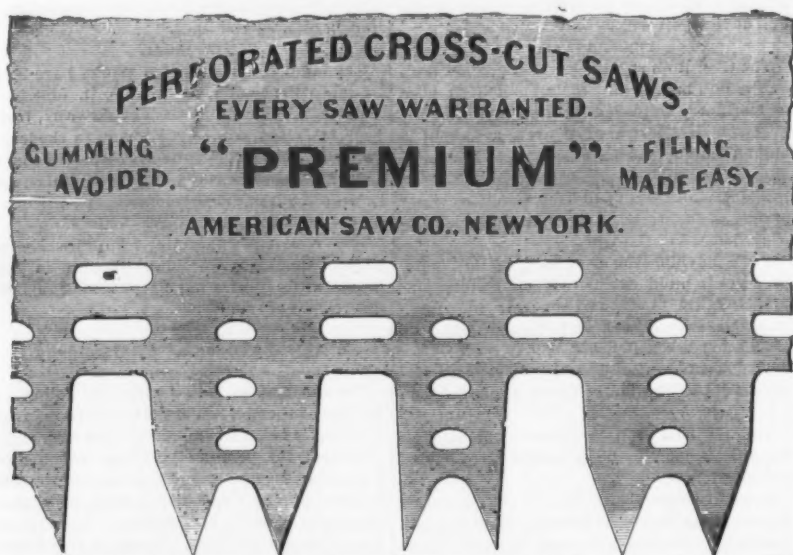
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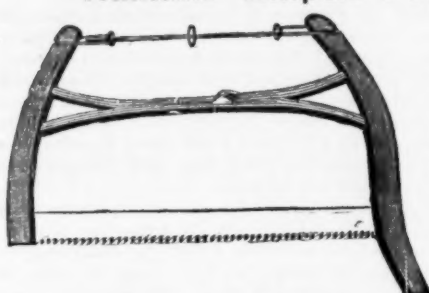


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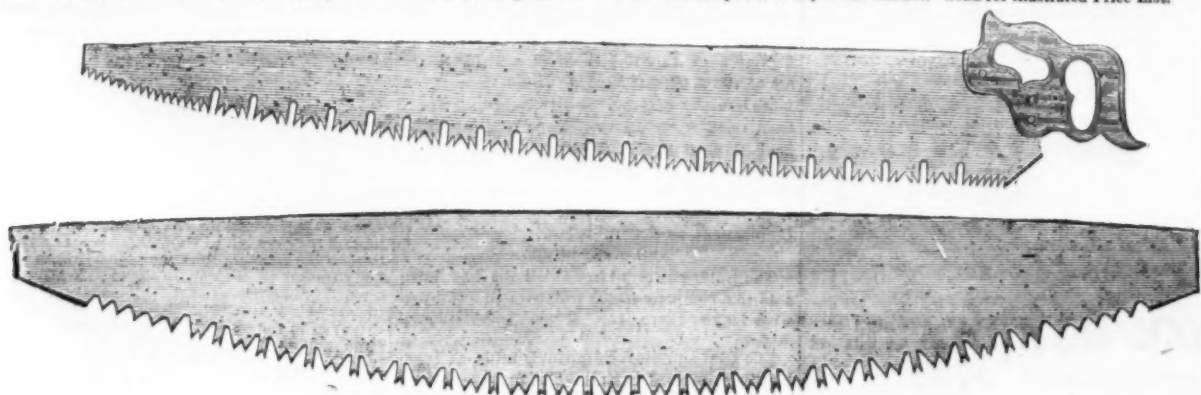


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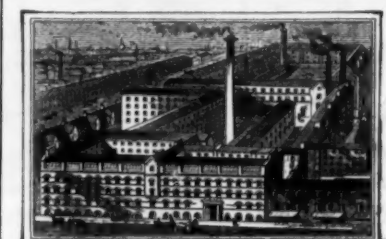
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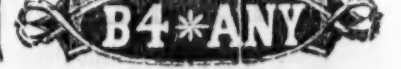
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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21, 1874.

Notwithstanding the very general feeling of regret that the fall has not as yet brought with it the expected improvements in trade, there is each day a little more doing, and the hope is gaining ground that the closing business of 1874 will not be so small as many think. Relative to the iron trade, while speculation is idle, as to the prospect of the future, without a thorough canvass of the whole country, which is impossible, it is clear that an undercurrent of belief is manifesting itself, which points to better prices and greater activity.

In a recent article in the Pittsburgh Commercial, a paper carefully edited and generally thoroughly correct in its statements, this feeling is strongly manifested, and probably owes its inspiration to one or more of the great manufacturers of that city. In politics we say, "As goes Pennsylvania so goes the Union," and in iron circles, if not said, it is strictly true, as Pittsburgh does so does the whole trade. Believing that the article referred to more clearly expresses the actual situation than anything lately published, and is, moreover, an intelligent and business-like survey of the condition of trade, I quote it here. The Commercial says:

"The outlook in the iron trade in manufactured iron and nails continues to be encouraging, and on all sides a little inquiry shows signs of improvement. The meeting of the Western Bar Iron Association, which was held in this city to-day, showed a state of affairs which was encouraging to a degree that surprised many who had been in a position to suppose themselves fully posted as to the state of trade. All the manufacturing points west of the Allegheny Mountains were fully represented, and the reports made by members show that all the mills are running, many of them on double turn, and that they are well supplied with orders for the season.

"The reports from other sections of the country are not so encouraging. At Troy, N. Y., and at other points, the trade is dependent; but we notice that in the trade in the west condition where it has been in the closest connection with railroads and in furnishing railroad supplies. For the latter part of 1873 and the first months of 1874 the greatest economy was necessarily practiced in railroad expenditures, but the time has come when 'renewals' are absolutely necessary on many of the best managed and best constructed roads in the country. The demand for this purpose cannot be evaded or postponed. Already the signs of improvement are marked. They will continue to widen until, within a few months, we believe the demand will equal the consumption of 1873. Again, the lower prices prevailing will stimulate the demand in other channels of consumption.

"Pig iron, No. 1, is now selling at \$31 against \$43 a year ago, and rails at \$20, compared with \$70. The reduction in rails encourages railroads of good means to buy rails, and many companies are availing themselves of the present low prices for laying new tracks or relaying old ones. The reduction in pig cheapens all iron manufactures, with a manifest encouragement to the production of machinery and to other branches in which there is a bulky consumption of iron affecting materially the cost of the manufactured article.

"There are substantial reasons, in full accord with all the laws of trade, of supply and demand and of consumption, why it is reasonable to expect an early and satisfactory stimulus to be imparted to iron production and iron manufactures in all their varied ramifications. Again, English iron makers are competing less and less every year in the American markets. As will be seen from the following quotations from the English price currents, iron has fallen about the same ratio there as here:

	Aug. 28, 1874.	Aug. 29, 1873.	Aug. 30, 1872.
Bars, etc., British.....	29.15	21.25	21.27
Nail rods.....	10.15	12.12	15.60
Hoops.....	12.15	14.5	18.10
Sheets.....	14.5	15.15	21.0
Bars, Wales.....	9.5	12.0	11.15
Rails.....	9.5	11.15	11.15
Plz. No. 1 Clyde.....	4.12	5.18	6.12
Swedish.....	17.20	20.10	17.10

"But the fall in prices has not been accompanied with anything like the average export of iron to the United States, as will appear from the following official statement of the shipments from Great Britain to this country, during the first ten months of this year, compared with the corresponding time in 1872 and 1873. It must be remembered that last year the importations were exceptionally light; it is fairer, therefore, to make the comparison with the previous year:

	1874.	1873.	1872.
Pig.....	29,390	71,165	141,823
Bar, angle, bolt and rod.....	2,379	21,060	44,284
Railroad.....	72,631	131,383	300,316
Hoops, sheets and plates.....	3,396	13,894	19,315
Cast or wrought, & other manufactures.....	15,048	9,594	8,013
Steel.....	7,663	12,624	14,132
Total.....	130,447	269,718	597,883

"As compared with 1872, England's export of iron to this country has fallen off three-fourths. This reduction in the supply of foreign iron is an important element that must exercise much influence on the home trade. Another important fact in favor of an early revival of the iron interests is that we are just starting on the wave of a general recovery of trade, which will, of course, increase the demand for iron products. For these various considerations there is good ground for the hopeful feeling that now prevails among iron manufacturers, and no reason for despondency."

City news is not of remarkable interest to the trade, and may be briefly itemized.  
At the Pascal Iron Works of Messrs. Morris, Tasker & Co., a fly-wheel, 14 feet in diameter, 30 inches on the face, and weighing 7 tons, burst on Thursday, killing one of the workmen. This wheel made 52 revolutions per minute, the speed of its periphery being 2200 feet per minute. The belt used was 30 inches, running on a large pulley. The engine was built in 1860 by Hoff, Fontaine & Co. of the best material. The senior member of the firm testified at the inquest on the body of the man killed, that the pulley had broken first, and the belt had run from the line of shafting, which had stopped running before the crash, the engine "running away" at terrible speed. These mysterious accidents are not unusual in rolling mills, and from the immense velocity at which the fragments of iron are hurled through the surrounding space almost invariably cause loss of life.

Notwithstanding the stereotyped expression of "nothing doing," we find that the Pennsylvania Steel Works shipped last week the largest amount of rails ever shipped in a single week since the erection of the works, the amount being 1150 tons. From the Lehigh Valley we hear reports of considerable stocks of pig iron; from companies being credited with stocks of over 30,000 tons on the aggregate. This, however, is not extraordinary, and an advance of

one dollar per ton would clear it all off the banks in a short time.

The project of a new railroad between this city and New York is assuming practical shape, and now will be speedily built. The road is to be the joint property of the North Pennsylvania and the Delaware & Bound Brook Railroad Company, the latter being composed almost entirely of the officers and stockholders of the former, and including some of our most prominent business men. The right of way has been all secured, and a contract let for the graduation and masonry of the section from Jenkintown, on the North Pennsylvania Railroad, to the Delaware River at Yardleyville, a distance of twenty miles. Thence to Bound Brook, on the New Jersey Central, the distance is thirty miles. The route is said to be favorable, free from curves, and the road can be constructed for \$25,000 per mile. Running through an especially fertile section of both Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the road will be of importance in developing this section, independent of the additional connection with New York. The intention of the companies, as stated, is to make the distance between New York and Philadelphia in two hours at \$2 fare. This, if carried out, will no doubt bring the United Railroads of New Jersey to the same time and terms, as trains are now regularly run in two hours and forty minutes, and without stoppages, on a track devoted solely to passenger traffic, the distance can be easily made in two hours.

The first full meeting of the Franklin Institute was held during the week, and brought out reports from the Committee on the Exhibition that the building was already opened for the reception of articles, some having been received.

An important communication was received from the Chairman of the Commission appointed by the United States Government to investigate the causes of boiler explosions. This Commission desires to avail themselves of the results obtained by the Institute in the tests made some years since, and to have the aid of a committee of its members in their investigations. The proposed investigation will, therefore, be made under the best auspices, and doubtless produce results of real value.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company proposes the erection of very extensive stock yards and abattoirs on the flats of the Schuylkill River, fronting on the present yard of the company, and extending north from the grain elevator. As this location is directly opposite the thickly built section of the city both the Board of Health and citizens owing property near by are protesting against such action as injurious.

A mass meeting of workmen was held in Independence Square on the evening of the 19th inst., avowedly for Centennial purposes, but really to express their views of the dignity of labor. The only points in the resolutions at all anticlerical are the recommendation of an universal eight hour system, and the somewhat paradoxical statement that they are not in any way opposed to the apprentice system. If these men would only demonstrate the truth of the last statement by their acts, we should soon have a fresh supply of American skilled labor.

The Senate Committee, which lately visited the various Navy Yards, will, it is said, report in favor of transferring the Washington Navy Yard to League Island, in this city. The Navy Department encourages this action, believing that one great yard at this point will be of importance to the interests of the navy.

An examination of the partners of the bankrupt firm of Jay Cook & Co. was held before the register in the case during the week, and the testimony of the senior partner, as to the cause of failure, was that the firm had "too many eggs in one basket." A city paper, commenting on this statement, complains that the eggs were unfortunately those of other parties, and in many cases "nest eggs," deposited on the expectation of being used in ordinary banking, but all put into the North Pacific basket. A dividend assigned the creditors months since is not yet paid, the funds having been absorbed under a preference for the Washington branch. Although trade is dull, the great number of large building operations in hand gives employment to most of the labor offering, and no fears are felt of a return of the troubles of last winter.

## The Henderson Process at the New Jersey Steel and Iron Company's Works.

Mr. James Henderson, inventor and patentee of the fluorine process of purifying iron, has lately conducted a series of important and interesting experiments at the works of the New Jersey Steel and Iron Company (Messrs. Cooper, Hewitt & Co.), Trenton, which have given results entirely satisfactory. The materials used were 100 parts Ringwood magnetic and titaniferous iron ores, and 40 parts, by weight, of fluorspar. The process was applied in a double puddling furnace, with water bottoms, settled in the usual way with iron ore. The pig iron was melted in the furnace.

The mode of application was to mix finely powdered fluorspar and iron ore and charge it upon the bottom of the furnace. After being exposed for 5 to 7 minutes to the heat, the mixture became hard enough to support pig iron laid upon it. The iron was then charged upon it and was turned over several times while melting. After melting it was left undisturbed for 20 to 30 minutes, during which time the mixture became dissolved and passed into solution among the iron, and when entirely melted off the bottom, the workman took charge of it and worked it in the usual way. When the mixture is dissolved, the purification of the iron of its silicon and phosphorus is nearly complete, so that it has become purer than metal that has been subjected to the refinery process, and the time occupied by this process is just so much to be deducted from the labor the puddler would otherwise have to perform. It took Ringwood magnetic ore and fluorspar about 20 minutes to dissolve, and the titaniferous ore and fluorspar about 30 minutes. With white pig the overflow of cinder from the furnace was very soon after commencing work. The following may be taken as an average of the work done with white pig iron. Five heats made June 17; 900 lbs. charges white Durham pig and 300 lbs. of the mixture:

	1st heat.	2d heat.	3d heat.	4th h't.	5th h't.
h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Charged pig iron.....	7 00	9 18	11 32	1 55	4 03
Worked.....	8 00	10 18	12 32	2 55	5 03

Overflow of cinder..... 8 14 10 35 12 49 3 03 5 07  
Dropped..... 8 25 10 40 12 55 3 12 5 15  
Baled..... 8 43 11 00 1 18 3 35 5 40  
Out..... 9 00 11 12 1 34 3 48 5 54

The muck bars were melted in a Siemens furnace, and converted into steel by the Martin process. The steel is of excellent quality. The

following is a fair average of the results had with gray forge pig iron, using 800 lbs. charges to 300 lbs. of the minerals:

	2d heat.	3d heat.	4th heat.	5th h't.
h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Charged pig iron.....	7 43	10 37	13 40	3 06
Worked.....	8 38	11 37	14 41	4 06
Bottom clear and overflow of cinder.....	8 54	11 43	1 53	4 15
Dropped.....	9 05	.....	.....	.....
Delay by stoppage of machinery.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Out.....	10 02	.....	.....	.....

The yield averaged about 97 per cent. of muck bars from gray forge, and 95 per cent. from white pig. The ore used for fix or fettling was the same as in the old process. Cinder bottoms were made once a week. The wear upon the brickwork of the furnace was not more than usual with the old process. The cost of the minerals at Trenton is about \$2 per ton of iron treated, ordinary qualities of pig iron requiring less than cinder pig iron. The most inferior cinder pig iron that could be procured was used to test the process, and it gave superior quality of bar iron which classes as best best. Ordinary anthracite pig iron was made into the finest quality of wrought iron, which was equal to that from the best brands of Swedish iron. As the process can be worked to better advantage when using molten iron from a cupola or blast furnace, a cupola will shortly be used in connection with this process at Messrs. Cooper, Hewitt & Co.'s works.

These trials remove any doubts that may have hitherto existed in the minds of the practical men who witnessed them of the economical application of the process for the production of the higher grades of wrought iron, some of which are not made in this country by the old process.

## Sanitary Science in House Building.

Prof. Thomson says:

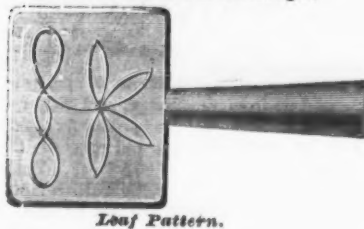
While progress has been made with gigantic strides in many directions, in engineering and in mechanics generally; while railways, steamboats and electric telegraphs have extended their wonders to the most distant parts of the world; and while trade, with these aids, is bringing to our shores the produce even of the most distant places, to add to our comfort and our luxuries; yet, when we come to look to our homes, to the places where most of our population have to spend nearly the whole of their lives, I think we must find with regret that in matters pertaining to the salubrity and general amenities of our towns and houses, as places for residence, due progress in improvement has not been made. Our house drainage arrangements are habitually disgracefully bad; and this I proclaim emphatically, alike in reference to the houses of the rich and the poor. We have got, since the early part of the present century, the benefit of the light of gas in our apartments; but we allow the pernicious products of combustion to gather in large quantities in the air we have to breathe; and in winter evenings, we live with our heads in heated and vitiated air, while our feet are ventilated with a current of fresh, cold air, gliding along the floor towards the fire place to be drawn uselessly up the chimney. A very few people have commenced to provide chimneys or flues to carry away the fumes of their more important gas lights, in like manner as we have chimneys for our ordinary fires. In mentioning this, however, as a suggestion of the course in which improvement ought to advance, I feel bound to offer a few words of caution, against the introduction of flue pipes for the gas flames rashly in such ways as to bring danger of their setting fire to the house. People have a strong tendency to require that such things as these should be concealed from view. In this case, however, special care should be taken against rashly placing them among the wood-work between the ceiling of the apartment and the floor of the room above; or otherwise placing them in unsafe proximity to combustible materials. In many cases it would be better to place the flue exposed to view underneath the ceiling, and by introducing some accompanying ornamentation to let the flue be regarded as a beneficent object not unpleasant to the eye.

**The Carbolium Engine.**—Much interest has recently been created in Holland by the publication in Prof. Huisinga's Journal of an article descriptive of Dr. Beins' Carbolium Motor. It appears that for many years Dr. H. Beins, of Groningen, assisted by his brother, Mr. J. F. Beins, manager of the Netherlands Soda Factory, at Amsterdam, have been engaged in experiments with a view of transforming heat into mechanical power more advantageously than is done in the steam and other engines at present in use. In one of these experiments they sought to find what degree of tension the carbonic acid given off by bicarbonate of soda would have, and were surprised and pleased to find that this sodium salt (or the corresponding potassium salt) in a dry pulverized state, or in an aqueous solution, when heated in a closed place gives off a portion of the carbonic acid, which is condensed at the cold end of the space, so that a temperature of 300 to 400 C. liquid carbonic acid can be distilled out with a tension of 50 or 60 atmospheres. Dr. Beins has shown the experiment to several scientific men in Holland, who have taken the greatest interest in the matter. The compressed state of the gas is a condition of great importance for its application in technical chemistry and Dr. Beins has found that the liquid acid which he calls carbolium, supplies an excellent motive power under certain circumstances. He explains that it is only when a carbolium engine works with great intermission that the heat of evaporation required can be taken from the sides of the reservoir without artificial heating. In the majority of cases, however, the carbolium must be evaporated by the artificial heating of small quantities at a time. The heat required per horsepower hourly (270,000 kgrmtr.) amounts at least to 645 calories (0.1 kilo. coal).



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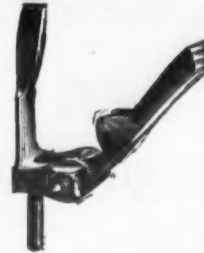


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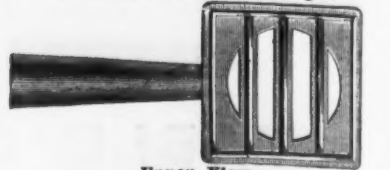
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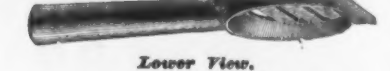
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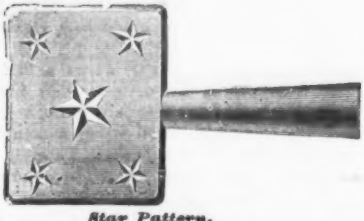
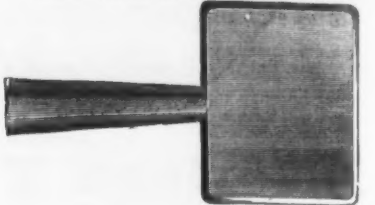


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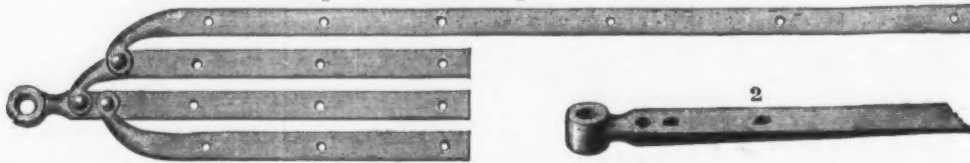
Lower View.

Solid Plain Pattern Steps.



Star Pattern.

Smith's Improved Philadelphia Pattern Slat Irons.



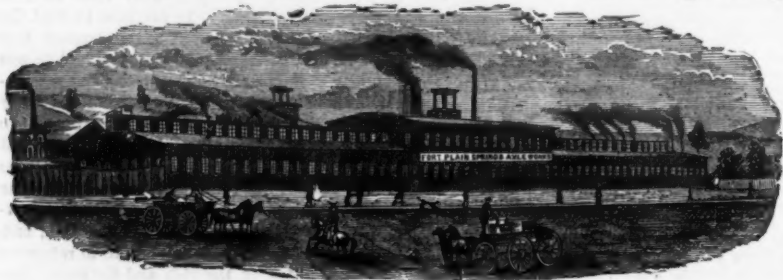
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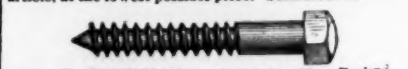
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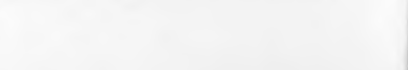
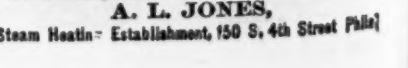
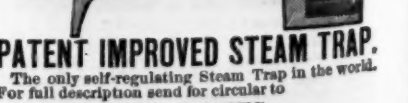
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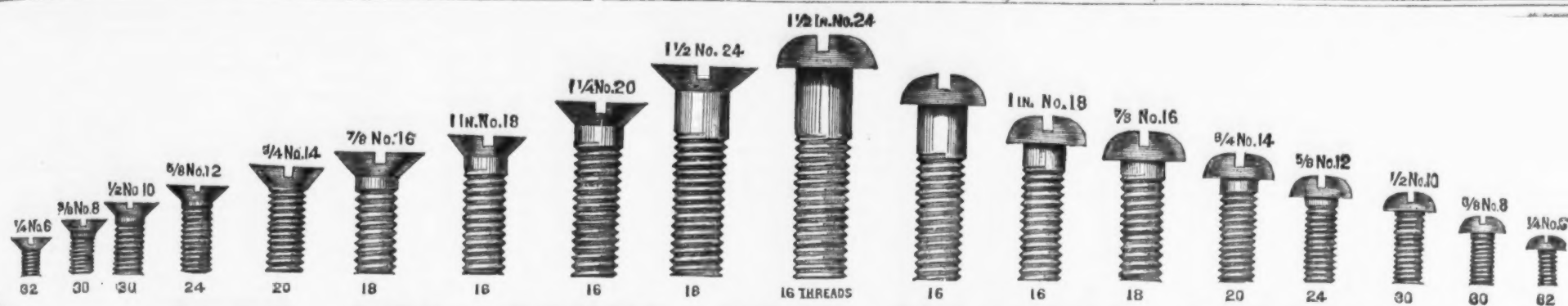
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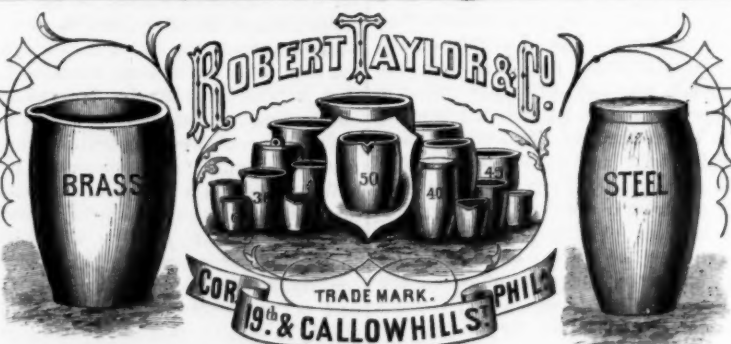
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### Protection not a Political Issue.

To those who read aright the signs of the times, it must be evident that the friends of home industry cannot work too vigorously at the present time to establish the system of protection on a basis independent of political parties and professional politicians. There is, of course, no immediate danger, under any circumstances, of a general revision of the tariff in the interest of foreign manufacturers, for the necessities of the government for a regular supply of coin must be provided for in a customs revenue, and all the talk of the free traders about a revenue tariff means, to those who understand it, practical free trade, with as little revenue from customs as possible—a change for which the country is in no respect ready. Until we shall be better able, because of an increase of population, production and accumulated wealth, to bear the burden of a taxation equal to the expenses of the government and the necessary annual disbursements of the Treasury, on account of the public debt, we shall need our \$175,000,000 of customs

revenue in gold—unless, indeed, the people will consent to the raising of that amount by the direct taxation of incomes, sales, personal property, &c. We are willing to admit that the existence of a necessity for a great revenue is a public misfortune, and that the country would be much better without taxation in any form than with it; but so long as large revenues must be raised from taxation, the mass of the people would not long hesitate in making a choice between the continuance of a customs tariff and the imposition or revival of direct taxes, always unpopular, and particularly so in a republic.

With these facts in mind, we cannot but regret the evident disposition now manifested by the framers of political platforms, to make the question of free trade or protection a party issue. To do this is to degrade a vitally important question of national policy to the base uses of office seeking politicians. Such a prostitution of the question is, moreover, a mistake on the part of the politicians, for it involves a promise on behalf of those representing the free trade element in politics which, in the event of success at the polls, they would not dare to make good. No party, however strong, would venture upon the suicidal policy of repudiating the just debts of the government, nor of substituting direct for indirect taxation. The next election would sweep it out of existence. Moreover, a division of parties in such an issue does not leave intelligent men free to follow their opinions on other questions. The friends of protection, whatever their views respecting the policy of the administration, the treasury management, or the tendencies of Congressional legislation, cannot support a party or vote for a candidate whose platform contains a free trade plank, however otherwise satisfactory. It is equally to be regretted that the party in power is thus permitted to claim for itself the especial honor of sustaining the system of protection, for there are, doubtless, many intelligent and consistent friends of home industry, who do not agree with it on other subjects nor choose to follow its lead in other matters, and to whom the moral obligation of voting brings the embarrassment of a divided duty.

Let us have an end of this particular species of political demagoguism. Protection is not a system which any party, as a party, has a right to make a political issue. It should outlast all parties, and, in the favor of the people, stand above all questions of party policy. It is the one substantial good, standing alone among the many evils resulting from the war; it was, and still is, necessary as a means of guarding the industries of the country, great and small, from being crushed by a taxation which, without the tariff, must be greater than they could bear in the face of unrestricted foreign competition. During the ten years which would otherwise have been consumed in a slow and partial recovery from the effects of the war, we have experienced an unexampled prosperity, accompanied by a healthy and sustained industrial development, which stands without parallel in history. During the decennial period ended with 1870, the value of our annual product of manufactures increased about 119 per cent., with a steady average decline in prices from 1868. High wages, which could only be paid under a system of economic legislation which recognizes the fact that the true prosperity of a country is increased by the condition of its working classes, has brought us a steady inflow of immigration to more than compensate for the loss of population and prospective increase resulting from the war, beside stimulating inventive talent in the improvement of labor-saving machinery, in which we lead the world. These are substantial and permanent benefits, which are not offset by any evils, save those which originate in the imaginations of free trade theorists. The tariff has fostered no "monopolies" save those of a purely national character, and none of which any one but a foreign manufacturer, desirous of retaining this market for the products he cannot sell elsewhere, can with any justice complain; it has imposed no burdens upon consumers, since it has not of itself enhanced the cost of home manufactures nor, materially, necessities of foreign make; it has benefited all classes, without regard to party affiliations and political creeds, and it should stand on its own merits whether the majority in Congress belongs to one party or the other. We need the tariff. Compared with the question of its maintenance or overthrow, all questions of a purely partisan character are of minor importance. To make it a party issue is an outrage upon our civil liberties; to allow it to be identified with the policy of any one party and monopolized by it, is to give that party an undue hold upon the suffrages of the people of the country. Let it be maintained without regard to party, and left unimpaired as a rich legacy to posterity.

### The Minor Economies in Manufacturing Operations.

If the progress of the next half century were to be estimated from the history of the half century ending with the current year, we should have to call upon the imagination of the writers of extravagant romance to enable us to picture the state of civilization which would exist in the year 1924. The popular idea seems to be that we shall continue to progress in the same ratio as heretofore, until the wildest conceptions of those who now amuse us with burlesque prophecies of the future shall have become the accomplished facts of every day experience. This is possible, but it is by no means probable. If we trace the history of civilization up to the beginning of the present century, we see that the rapid progress since that date was led up to by slow approaches, beginning in the systematic application of power to manufacturing operations early in the seventeenth century, and continuing until a point was reached when a rapid and sustained progress was possible. Science, then in its infancy, began to solve the mysteries and interpret the laws of nature, and then came to the aid of industry with the knowledge it had gained. From a rude and complicated contrivance of limited power and restricted utility, the steam engine developed into its present form; cheap and convenient power, easily distributed, rendered the substitution of machinery for hand labor possible, and from the ruder employment to which arms of iron and fingers of steel were first considered adapted, mechanism now performs services at once beyond the strength and skill of man. Inventive talent has been employed in all civilized countries to bring these mighty agents of human progress to perfection, and as discovery after discovery was announced to the world, it seemed as if there was no limit to be reached short of a realization of the dream of power from nothing, or, at least, of power which should cost nothing. The more we learn, however, the more we realize the fact that we are nearing the limit already, and that it is possible to reduce the cost of manufacturing by a very small margin only before we shall have reached a point when economy will cease, and the cost begin to increase again. We can now make boilers that will evaporate ten pounds of water to one pound of fuel burned under them, and when a further economy is sought the saving effected is less than interest upon the increased cost of the boiler. The same is measurably true of steam engines. The best now manufactured consume two pounds of coal per horse-power per hour. This is far better than the average, we admit, but the maximum of economy can only be approached slowly, as old engines wear out and new ones are built to take their place. But we now know when and where the limit of attainable economy will be reached in the steam engine, and it is not far distant or difficult of attainment. We also know approximately, if not exactly, what can be done with water wheels, caloric engines and the countless substitutes for steam power which have been tried from time to time during the past century and a half, with tide power, compressed air and electromagnetism. None of these, excellent as they may be for specific purposes, afford any promise of cheap power available for general manufacturing purposes. A careful and intelligent survey of the whole subject shows, therefore, that there is but little warrant for the belief that we are on the eve of a mechanical revolution, or that it will hereafter be impossible to cheapen power materially unless we can reduce the cost of coal by devising cheaper methods of mining and transporting it.

With these facts in mind we conclude that, unless some great discovery is made of which we have no hint or suggestion at this time, the progress of the next half century, as regards the cheapening of the cost of manufactured products, will lie chiefly in the direction of economy in little things. In our rapid progress we have overlooked too many of the minor details of seemingly small importance, but which, in the aggregate, are of vast consequence. We have sought the great economies successfully, and we must now go back to pick up every wasted fragment and turn it to account. We know of no workshop or factory so well organized that the largest attainable results are effected by a minimum expenditure of time, power and labor, or in which preventable and costly mistakes are not sometimes made; and we have yet to see a continuous process of manufacture so perfect in all its details that no greater economy is possible. Close, careful and intelligent study will often reveal waste where none was suspected; exact system and perfect discipline in a workshop or factory will often effect a wholly unsuspected saving, both in the wear and tear of tools and machinery, and in the

saving of waste in raw material, power and time. The difference between success and failure often lies in the difference between good management and bad management, and the lack of system in the management of his business has bankrupted many a manufacturer who might have succeeded in life had he sooner learned the importance of looking after little things.

In an article addressed as this is to readers in a number of trades, it is impossible to be specific. In every trade and process of manufacture the conditions are different, and none but those who understand a trade thoroughly can fully understand these conditions. For this reason the manufacturer cannot afford to wait, content with present profit, until the way to greater economy in little things is pointed out to him. He must give the matter his personal and close attention, and, profiting by the discoveries and improvements of others, as well as by his own experiences, solve the problem in his own way. Nothing will aid him more than an intelligent and careful perusal of the current technical literature of his own and kindred trades, and if he will turn to account all the information he thus gains he will find that every country is contributing something each week to the growing fund of general knowledge which he can turn to his own personal profit and the good of the community. Those who follow this policy will lead the industrial progress of the next half century: those who wait, Micawber like, for "something to turn up" in the way of a great discovery or invention which shall compel a progress whether we want it or not, will find themselves falling behind in the race for success and wealth.

### Precautions Against Fire in Factories and Mills.

The burning of the Granite Mills, at Fall River, Mass., is an accident which, as regards its fatality, is one of unusual horror. We have no wish to pass judgment upon the responsibility of the proprietors in advance of the official inquiry which will undoubtedly be held, but we have no hesitation in saying that the confining of fifty persons in an attic without a safe and certain means of escape, indicates either a gross carelessness of necessary precautions of safety, or a reckless disregard of human life which merits something more than a rebuke. We hope this disaster with its terrible warning will not pass unheeded. Every large workshop or factory, especially one in which women and children are employed, should have a fire escape so constructed that it will sustain any sudden weight which may be brought upon it, and which would be the last thing to fall in case of the total destruction of the building by fire. It seems that the attic of the Granite Mills had a fire escape, but it was accessible only by ladders to the skylights in the pitched roof, which had been removed and could not be found when wanted. This is too often the case in large factories, and if mill owners will not protect the lives of their operatives by providing adequate and convenient means of escape in case of fire, they should be required to do so by stringent laws prescribing heavy penalties for their violation.

It is also of the utmost importance that every mill should have its own fire service, with means of extinguishing fire always at hand. This plan has been very generally adopted, we believe, but it is seldom brought to a state of efficiency which affords any security to life or property. Every floor should have its hydrant and hose, and every man should have a certain specific duty assigned him to perform the instant an alarm of fire is sounded. Occasional drilling insures greater promptness and better discipline, beside fixing every man's duty in his mind and obviating the danger of confusion when the moment for actual service comes. Everything should be in readiness for a sudden and desperate emergency, and nothing less than an earthquake or a volcanic eruption should be accepted as an excuse for such a slaughter as that which has made the burning of the Granite Mills memorable. No great outlay of money is necessary to insure safety against sudden and complete destruction by fire, and when these precautions are neglected, manslaughter in the first degree would not be too severe a verdict to render against those with whom rests the responsibility of such neglect.

### Quick Transit and Improved Terminal Facilities.

The American Society of Civil Engineers have issued the following letter to engineers and others interested in the subject of quick transit and improved terminal facilities for New York:

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS,  
68 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK.  
September 15th, 1874.  
SIR—At the regular meeting held September 3d, 1874, it was—  
Resolved, That a committee of five members

of this Society be appointed by the president, to investigate the necessary conditions of success, and to recommend plans for—

"First"—The best means of rapid transit for passengers, and

"Second"—The best and cheapest methods of delivering, storing and distributing goods and freight—

"In and about the city of New York; with instructions to examine plans and to receive suggestions such as parties interested in the matter may choose to offer, and to report on or before the first day of December, 1874."

Messrs. O. Chanute, M. N. Forney, Isaac C. Buckhout, Charles K. Graham and Francis Collingwood were appointed such committee, and the Society by furnishing whatever contribution or suggestions you may deem of value on the above subjects, or by calling attention to the sources of such information. Due credit will be given for all aid rendered to the committee.

In referring to plans proposed to accomplish these objects, it is particularly desired to ascertain accurately—

1st. The route and location proposed, and the reasons therefor.

2d. The character of structure proposed in various parts of the city.

3d. A close estimate of the cost in detail.

It is greatly preferred that all communications shall be in writing.

Please address,  
G. LEVERICH, Secretary.

This is a step in the right direction. The result of the deliberations of this committee will undoubtedly be the elaboration of a plan or system of public improvements, in the practicability of which capitalists can have confidence, and for which the means necessary to carry it into execution can be raised. The obstacle in the way of quick passenger transit and the provision of better facilities for the handling and storage of merchandise in this city, has been that the schemes presented have been in the main visionary—the dreams of amateur engineers, or else "jobs" organized with a view to plundering the city treasury. Whatever plan may be offered by the Society of Civil Engineers will command the confidence and support of the capitalists, merchants and business men of the city, to whom we must look for the means to carry any plan into execution. We hope the committee will receive every assistance in their labors from merchants, as well as from engineers. The merchants know best what is wanted, and the engineers can thus base their plans upon the needs of commerce.

### An Honored Guest.

Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell, of Bell Bros., Middlesbrough, England, and president of the British Iron and Steel Institute, arrived in this city on Tuesday afternoon. During his stay in the United States, which we understand will be brief, Mr. Bell will visit the principal iron producing regions. Yesterday afternoon he left for the Lehigh Valley. What his movements for the future are we are not yet informed.

This announcement will doubtless take many of our readers by surprise. It was not generally known that Mr. Bell contemplated visiting this country before 1876, when the Institute will probably hold a meeting here, but he will receive a warm welcome at the hands of the American iron trade. Such a welcome he certainly merits. His contributions to the metallurgy of iron have been of great and permanent value to the American iron trade, and in this country, as well as at home, he is accorded a high rank among the most scientific and generally intelligent of iron masters. We are informed that his visit is one of pleasure: we hope he will enjoy it. As a representative man of his country and his profession he should, and undoubtedly will, receive a cordial reception wherever he goes. Unlike many of his countrymen, he has no prejudices against this country. Years ago he saw in our vast and varied resources the promise of a future industrial greatness which should overshadow that of England and enable our manufacturers to compete with hers for the markets of the world. He is, therefore, a man who can appreciate and understand what we shall have to show him, and whose outspoken confidence in the future of this country cannot fail to stimulate the inflow of British capital, which is already seeking liberal investment of this side of the Atlantic. In his inaugural address as president of the Iron and Steel Institute, delivered on the 29th of April, 1873, Mr. Bell said:

"If we have to apprehend the event of a powerful rival in the iron trade, it is not, unless new coal discoveries are made, the Old World of Europe we have to fear, but the immense and undoubted powers possessed by the western hemisphere. In ores of the finest descriptions the resources of the United States are unlimited, while in coal our own wealth is, in comparison, but poverty. In many cases the relative geographical situation of these minerals is not unfavorable; in short, there is apparently but one bar to a boundless production of iron in the New World—that of human hands to manipulate it. In the matter of skill, everyone who has had the opportunity of inspecting the American ironworks concurs in reporting that their development is quite in keeping with the advantage nature has conferred upon that highly favored country."

This indicates a liberal appreciation of American resources and American enterprise, and we are sure that Mr. Bell will have no reason, from what he shall see in this country, to change the opinion he has already formed and expressed.



The iron master in this section of the State must soon awake from his long sleep and examine carefully into his situation before it is too late. There are yet mountains of untold millions of tons of superior iron ore heaved up hundreds of feet above water level that can be bought for a mere song. It is nearest to our grasp and can be mined and sent to our valley at a cost of less than three dollars a ton, that will make a quality of iron and steel equal to any in the world. Let some of those that are engaged in the iron business visit the mountains of Frederick, Hampshire, Hardy, Pendleton, Augusta and Rockbridge counties, Virginia, and they will soon find a trail to the lost art in competing with our Western neighbors. These are solid facts for the consideration of our furnace men, and the sooner they are earnestly inquired into the better for the entire State.

Mr. Robert Hunt, F.R.S., read an interesting paper on the state of tin production and the tin trade before a recent meeting of the Miners' Association of Cornwall and Devon. The exports of tin of British production in 1873 and the two previous years were, according to the Board of Trade returns, as follows: 1871, 114,301 cwts.; 1872, 113,871 cwts.; 1873, 115,946 cwts. The exports of foreign and colonial production were—1871, 41,196 cwts.; 1872, 48,625 cwts.; 1873, 28,869 cwts. Of the two combined there was thus an increased export on 1873 over 1871 of 355 tons, and a decrease of 1873 over 1872 of 874 tons. It must be remembered that in addition to the tin from Banca and Biliton, a new tin producing district of great value was being opened out in Malacca Peninsula, and that an English company was commencing operations in a large and promising district of Siam. The quantities of tin received from Australia had largely increased, and there was no prospect of any falling off in the supply, while a district in Tasmania was now claiming attention, which Mr. Hunt had been assured by Mr. Gould, of the South Australian Geological Survey, far exceeded that of Queensland in productiveness. The only course open to the British miner for checking the importation of foreign and colonial tin appeared to be the exercise of the strictest economy in every branch of production. Into the mines labor-saving machinery must be introduced, and on the dressing floors every advantage must be taken of such scientific knowledge as was directly applicable to the separation of bodies of different specific gravity from the ore. Mr. Hunt appended a brief notice of the condition of tin mining in Southwestern England during the past 10 years. In 1864 the number of tin mines was 174, producing 13,985 tons of black tin, at an average price of £60. 17/6. In 1873 there were 213 mines, producing 14,884 tons, average price £78. 1/. In 1866 there was only 109 mines producing 11,584 tons. The lowest price for the period was £48. 10/9 per ton, in 1866. The total importations of tin in 1872 were 1024 tons of ore and 8342 tons of metal and regulus. In 1873, 5612 tons of ore and 7791 tons of metal and regulus. The total production of British foreign and colonial tin in 1872 was 18,544 tons, in 1873, 21,196 tons, of which 9752 tons were British, which, in 1872, figured for 9560 tons. It was suggested that it would have been very valuable if returns could have been given for the first half of 1874, so as to show the effect of the low standards on the importation.

**The Henderson Process at the Ulster Iron Works.**—We understand that the firm of Messrs. Tuckerman, Mulligan & Co., proprietors of the Ulster Iron Works, Sangerites N. Y., have taken a license from Mr. James Henderson, of this city, to work his patent process for the manufacture of pure wrought iron from common pig. This may be considered ample confirmation of all we have said in these columns respecting the value of the Henderson process. Mr. Mulligan is one of the most intelligent, practical and, at the same time, conservative, of American iron masters. The process was exhaustively tested at the Ulster Works some time ago, with entirely satisfactory results.

President Sidney Dillon and Jay Gould, of the Union Pacific Railroad, started for a tour of inspection over the Union Pacific and connecting roads, on Saturday evening. They will probably go as far as San Francisco, where they will remain several days. One of the objects of their journey will be to facilitate passenger traffic over the Union Pacific by increasing the speed of the trains, which now run at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. Instead of making connection with the Union Pacific transfer at Council Bluffs, it is proposed to run a through car from Chicago, abolishing this transfer as now present conducted. The speed will be increased so that a day will be saved between Chicago and Ogden, Utah.

Some time ago, while Vice President Huntington, of the Central Pacific Railroad, was on a trip to California, he signed contracts for the tunneling of the Sierra Nevada Mountains at a point near Truckee, Cal. The tunnel will be several miles long, will cost \$2,000,000, and will preclude the necessity which exists at present of making a steep ascent of more than 100 feet at a very difficult part of the road. What this shall be completed the snow-sheds, which now form so important a feature in the equipment of the road, will be no longer necessary. Several thousand tons of steel rails have been sent to the line of the road and will replace the iron rails as fast as the latter are worn out.

ble. It treats in practical terms of the problems of finance as connected with railway management; of the policy of location and construction of the road; of maintenance and working expenses; of freight rates and the permission of transport by private companies; of the cost of carrying freight against cost of material; of the exact and wonderful increase of efficiency in locomotive construction and management; of canal service and boat construction; of coal mining and colliery owning as an adjunct to railroads; of the policy of real estate purchases; and, in a word, forms, supposing the question at issue to be left on one side and the subject of railway management and construction alone considered, a complete treatise on the subject, amply sufficient for the guidance of the company of the future, based upon the very strongest of data, namely, those derived from practical experience. And well may this be the case, since the material upon which this report is based includes the detailed workings of 5396.6 miles of finished railroad, representing a capital of \$398,267,625-22, and extending from the Hudson, at Jersey City, to Lake Michigan, at Chicago; from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, at Cincinnati; from Buffalo to Baltimore; and supplying direct transportation, development and traffic to a larger portion of the products of the soil, the forest and the mine, than any other corporation in the world. "To show that no cause existed for the withdrawal of public confidence from such an aggregation of enterprises is *a fortiori* to show that no real cause has ever existed for such feeling in the country. To show that the actual value of the real and personal property of such a company is double that assumed, or which it has claimed, is to show the demands of such enterprises to the trade, and to assure the existence of the very strongest elements of national prosperity. The totals, while of heroic proportions, are in every case supplemented by details so minute that we venture to say the stockholders of no joint stock corporation were ever half so intimately acquainted with the actual condition of their investment. Thus in dealing with these figures, we can show at a glance the magnitude of the operations and the strictest accuracy of detail. Without quoting, however, the leading items, the report would be shorn of much its strength. Hence we find:

wisely managed, pursue the policy of securing at the outset sufficient real estate for the requirements of the future it is not surprising to find this company owning 5733.23 acres of land, valued, with buildings, depots and shops, at \$18,566,622.88 much of which value is due to appreciation during the twenty-five years of ownership. This is also exclusive of any land used for road bed purposes.

EQUIPMENT.		
	Number.	Value.
Freight Cars, Eight Wheeled...	15,900	\$8,298,57
" " Four Wheeled...	1,798	320,00
Passenger Cars, including Mail, Baggage and Express.....	521	1,835,00
	18,219	\$10,473,61

Of the value of the road bed, track, &c., it is shown that a careful estimate now made gives a total of \$94,398,483.89, on which the amount charged on account as value is only \$48,571,808.18, giving an increased natural value of nearly double. So much has been said of the leased lines of the Company, and the policy of absorption, that it is but fair to quote the agreeable surprise of the committee on finding that with a total annual charge for rental on these lines, including guarantees on bonds and leases, of \$13,862,319.94, there was in 1874 an absolute loss as guarantee of but \$280,000. This, the committee truly says, "Should allay any fears on the part of "stockholders that the liberal use of its "credit had imposed damaging liabilities on the Company. The following interesting table, containing a condensed statement of the length, capital, receipts, expenses and net earnings of all the various systems or groups of railroads under the control of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, including the Delaware & Raritan and Susquehanna Canals, is here appended:

Of the proportionate number of miles of road owned and operated by the Company compared to the total mileage of the country, it is stated: The whole number of miles of railroad in the United States in 1873, 70,651; whole number controlled by Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 5933.6; percentage of total controlled by Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 8.395 per cent.; total capital of railroads in the United States, \$3,784,538,034; of which is controlled by Pennsylvania Railroad Company, \$398,267,625.22, or 10.520 per cent.

Of these different systems, costing as above, the net earnings of 5933.6 miles of road were 6.39 per cent. on the cost. Thus it is seen that all the roads controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1973 earned 6.39 per cent. on their entire capital and bonded debt; that the roads east of Pittsburgh earned 7.87 per cent., and that the Pennsylvania proper, after paying interest and losses on her leased lines, earned for its stockholders 12.22 per cent.

There are several practical deductions to be drawn from these statements. The first of these is that, given such earnings for such an extended system of railways in a year the last quarter of which was in the panic, whether any such financial condition of the country should have had any real basis. The second, that with such earnings, viz., over 6 per cent. on the poorest, nearly 8 per cent. on the next best, and over 12 per cent. per annum on the very best of these systems, whether such American railway investments do not offer to the capital of the world larger interest, with better security, than any similar investments attainable. If this is not demonstrated by these figures, the argument falls. If it is, the clamor of the past years in financial circles, foreign and domestic against railways has been unfounded and without just premises. The third, and to the iron trade the most pertinent is that accepting the statement made on good authority, that the construction and equipment of a mile of first-class railroad requires the consumption of 150 tons of iron and the maintenance of such road and equipment 14 per cent. of this amount annually, we have in the systems of railway before us an original consumption of 890,040 tons of iron, in construction of 5933 miles of road, and an annual demand for 124,005 tons of iron in maintenance and repairs.

The product of rolled iron in the United States in 1873 is given at 1,830,000 tons, the amount of iron required in this construction is over half of that product, while the annual demands in the industry for maintenance are nearly 7 per cent. of the total rolled iron product of the country. Further, the amount required here for construction was greater than the whole product of the country in 1865, while the value of the annual requirements of this

Year.	Tons Freight moved.	Tons Mile.	Number of Freight Engines.	Distributing Engines.	Shifting Engines.	Rate per Ton per Mile for moving Freight.
1874.	2,764,576	440,677,222	285	16	13	\$1.57
1875.	2,555,706	430,000,340	323	34	21	2.25
1876.	3,185,399	511,024,181	353	25	27	1.83
1877.	3,770,234	565,075,818	370	22	36	1.54
1878.	4,427,854	674,775,560	378	20	38	1.35
1879.	4,997,095	724,711,312	314	35	35	1.20
1870.	5,427,401	826,079,692	316	26	53	1.00
1871.	6,575,948	1,101,292,207	388	30	65	0.86
1872.	7,544,778	1,310,444,006	401	34	68	0.876
1873.	9,111,331	1,584,681,970	456	34	77	0.837

The following deductions from this table show the commercial progress made in ten years in railway workings as well as the improvement in locomotive construction and management :

In 1864 it required 266 locomotives to move 420,627,222 tons of freight one mile, giving, as the average of tons moved by each engine, 1,581,305. In 1873, 567 locomotives moved 1,384,831,970 tons one mile; averaging number of tons moved one mile by each engine, 2,442,384 tons, or a gain of 861,079 tons moved one mile, or 54 per cent. increased service to each engine. The average mileage of each engine in 1983 was 17,448, and in 1873, 23,213 miles, or an increase of 33 per cent., while the cost of moving one ton one mile was reduced from 1.87 cents in 1864 to .857 cents in 1873, a reduction of nearly 60 per cent. These are records of direct progress, which have an intensely practical bearing, and interest all classes.

Of the results accomplished by the company they represent, the committee is justly proud. They show that by its aid to Western lines it has given an impetus to manufacturing interests. "By the opening of the gas and soft coal regions of Pennsylvania, the development of the iron and steel interests, the utilization of remote forests, the immense production of oil, it has made a home market for all these products along its lines, and is gathering into the State a rapidly increasing, sturdy and energetic population." With these benefits it has paid its stockholders from 1833 to 1873, twenty years, an average of 9 9/4 per cent., the total dividends to January 1, 1874, having been 234 per cent. It is to be supposed that the report is without condemnation. It closely scrutinizes some acts of policy, condemns others, and strictly forbids in the future still others. It offers a series of resolutions restricting the powers of directors, enumerating the duties and those of the principal officers.

With increased safeguards for the future,







# Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Sept. 23, 1874.  
The past week has witnessed a fair average activity in Wall street, but closes heavy, with a downward tendency of prices, even in the case of securities which have been steadily advancing for two months past. This depression is but temporary, and of a speculative character. Money continues very easy at 2 @ 3 per cent., call loans, and 5 @ 7 1/2 per cent. as the discount rate on prime commercial paper.

The gold market is without important feature. The range of the premium to-day has been between 100 1/2 and 100 3/4. Owing to the crowded state of our columns we omit the usual table showing the daily range of the premium, which has fluctuated within narrow limits.

Government bonds are firm here and in England, with a present upward tendency. Durable railway mortgages are strong and in good investment demand.

The course of the stock market we have outlined above. The principal dealings have been in Erie, Pacific Mail, Rock Island, Lake Shore, St. Paul, Wabash and N. Y. Central.

The movements in foreign trade for the week are shown as follows:

IMPORTS.	1873.	1874.
Total for week.....	\$9,071,599	\$6,773,846
Prev. reported.....	\$17,120,573	\$20,535,362
Since Jan. 1.....	\$386,192,152	\$297,993,308

Included in the imports of general merchandise for the week are:

	Quant.	Value.
Brass goods.....	24	\$3,362
Bronzes.....	51	12,884
Chains and anchors.....	67	3,330
Copper.....	1	1,315
Cutlery.....	63	32,837
Guns.....	93	20,468
Hardware.....	181	19,852
Iron, pig, tons.....	100	2,539
Iron sheet, tons.....	66	11,736
Railroad bars.....	3,238	166,489
Iron cotton ties.....	244	24,663
Iron other, tons.....	143	27,135
Lead pigs.....	147	19,975
Metal goods.....	7	3,338
Needles.....	14	2,703
Platina.....	3	432
Per. caps.....	1,699	18,972
Saddlery.....	31	258
Steel.....	25,255	202,410
Silverware.....	869	14,541
Tin, boxes.....	119	14,541
Tin, slabs, 127 1/2 lbs., 119, 145.....		
Wire.....		

EXPORTS EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.	1873.	1874.
Total for week.....	\$5,283,588	\$4,501,318
Prev. reported.....	\$15,503,554	\$20,741,969
Since Jan. 1.....	\$161,736,682	\$308,673,387

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.	1873.	1874.
Total for week.....	\$400,184	\$41,439,259
Previously reported.....		
Total since January 1, 1874.....		\$41,839,443

Government bonds closed as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 5's.....	117 1/2	117 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881, reg.....	117 1/2	117 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881, con.....	117 1/2	117 3/4
U. S. 5-30 1881, reg.....	112 1/2	113
U. S. 5-30 1881, con.....	112 1/2	113
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U. S. 5-30 1881, con.....	112 1/2	113

The following were the highest and lowest prices of stocks to-day:

	Highest.	Lowest.
N. Y. Cen. & Hudson Consolidated.....	101 1/2	101 1/4
Lake Shore.....	77 1/2	76 1/2
Rock Island.....	102 1/2	102 1/4
New Jersey Central.....	109 1/2	109 1/4
Del. Lack. & Western.....	109 1/2	109 1/4
Wabash.....	78 1/2	78 1/4
Harlem.....	128 1/2	128 1/4
Western Union Telegraph.....	38 1/2	38 1/4
Northwestern.....	37 1/2	37 1/4
Preferred.....	56 1/2	56 1/4
Milwaukee & St. Paul.....	34 1/2	34 1/4
Preferred.....	52 1/2	52 1/4
Panama.....	47 1/2	47 1/4
Pacific Mail.....	37 1/2	37 1/4
Erie.....	26 1/2	26 1/4
Ohio & Mississippi.....	13 1/2	13 1/4
Union Pacific.....	13 1/2	13 1/4
C. C. & Ind. Central.....	13 1/2	13 1/4
At. & Pacific pref.....	13 1/2	13 1/4
Hambam & St. Joseph.....	27 1/2	27 1/4
Quicksilver.....	27 1/2	27 1/4
Maryland Coal.....	19 1/2	19 1/4
United States Express.....	64 1/2	64 1/4

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

We are not able to report such a business as we ought to have at this season, though there seems to be some improvement over last week. It must be remembered, however, as we have more than once noticed, that it is now very early for dealers in any part of the country to get goods in small quantities as they want them, and it is certain that a very large proportion of the houses that have bought already will have to send in second orders before the season is over.

In one table of quotations on the 20th page, last week, we made an annoying typographical error, printing first quality Augers and Bits discount 45, 10 and 10 per cent. instead of 25, 10 and 10, as it should have been. This can not have misled many persons, however, as the discount on second quality was correctly printed 25, 10, 10 and 5 per cent.

A meeting of the creditors of Rasche, Miller & Co., of St. Louis, was held to-day at the Astor House, in this city. None of the firm were present, but a telegram was received asking a postponement of action for ten days, to enable them to make a proposition. The report of the committee appointed to investigate their affairs had produced such an effect, however, that this request was not seriously considered, but, on the other hand, a committee was appointed to throw the concern into bankruptcy as soon as it could possibly be done. It is the feeling here that there has been a great deal too much easy acceptance of the terms proposed by insolvent concerns. It is all very well to treat liberally such houses as have deserved the confidence and sympathy of the

trade, but it will, in the long run, be much to the interest of all if jobbers and manufacturers would insist on throwing all others into bankruptcy.

In House Furnishing and Tinner's goods there is no change to note in prices, and a very fair trade seems to be doing.

The following notices have been issued as a circular by the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.:

NOTICE.  
SIR: We have this day contracted with the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company for the exclusive sale in their own name and on their own account, of all goods manufactured by us; and we confidently refer all our friends and the trade generally to them, when in want of any goods in our line.

We shall devote special attention to the improvement of the quality and finish of our goods.

The early settlement of all outstanding accounts, that we may close our books, will specially oblige us.

Very respectfully yours,  
DOUGLASS MANUFACTURING CO.  
E. E. FLINT, Secretary.

M. J. WOODRUFF, President.  
New York, September 21, 1874.

In accordance with the preceding notice, we have this day taken the exclusive sale of all goods manufactured by the Douglass Manufacturing Company, and they will be sold by us at lowest market rates, from our warehouses in New York, Philadelphia and New Britain.

We confidently recommend these goods as fully equal in quality and finish to any similar goods in the market; and we solicit the continued patronage of all old customers on these goods, and a fair trial of them from those who have not heretofore been selling them.

Respectfully yours,  
RUSSELL & ERWIN MANUFACTURING CO.  
NEW YORK, September 21, 1874.

Sargent & Co. will shortly issue the following circular, dated the 21st inst.:

"Being determined to push off Apple Parers, we are offering the balance of our stock of the original Turn Table, and only satisfactory, Apple Parers at \$6 75 per dozen, less 10 per cent. discount for prompt cash. We do not guarantee to sell at above low price after stock on hand is exhausted; therefore order promptly."

Sargent & Co. have also reduced the price on Stebbins' Genuine Molasses Gates to discount 65 and 10 per cent.

The following letter, which fully explains itself, has been furnished us for publication:

NEW YORK, Sept. 18, 1874.  
To The Editor of The Iron Age—As an item of interest to the trade, we are gratified to announce that the Livingston & Cherette Mfg. Co., of Johnstown, N. Y., have succeeded in selling all their real estate, factory, machinery and manufactured stock on hand. The exclusive right hereafter to manufacture and to sell (or authorize others to do so), of the Patent Kitchen, Butcher Box and Braced Wood Saws, (with extension of patent of the latter from this date), rests solely with the original patentee and present owner, William H. Livingston. Arrangements are being perfected to continue the manufacture of these goods under new and better auspices.

T. F. CHERITREE & CO.,  
113 Chamber and 105 Reade sts.,  
Sole agents in the United States for the manufacture of Livingston's Patent Saws.

P. S.—We continue as heretofore all our specialties, including the present manufactured stock of Saws; also Hanly's Skeins and Boxes, Whiffletree Hooks, Rich Brothers American Bronze Goods, &c., &c., which we offer same as other duly authorized agents.

T. F. C. & Co.  
The list prices of Wilton's Cattle Leaders have been slightly advanced, being now, No. 1, small, \$2 80; No. 2, large, \$3.

Nails are still quoted \$3 75, for some brands and \$3 85, for small orders. There would, however, be little if any difficulty in placing an order for 500 kegs, or even a car load, at \$3 65. The stock is even lighter than it has been, and there has been difficulty from this cause in filling orders. We believe that stocks are considerably broken all through the East.

In Chains, Anvils and Heavy Imported Hardware there seems no new feature worthy of notice. We continue all our quotations without change. Reports a short time ago from England indicated great firmness in the prices for Chain, and an advance was looked on as not unlikely; but it has not occurred.

Hermann Boker & Co. have taken the agency for one of the largest German Wire Cloth manufacturers, and will carry a full stock of all the leading sizes. No. 13 is now quoted 5 cents per square foot.

Charles Peace, agent for Joseph Rodgers & Sons, Sheffield, has furnished us the following new Sterling list prices of some of their knives, which, like their other goods, are still subject to the advance of 10 per cent.:

18280.....	10/	12829.....	13/
18311.....	10/	12830.....	13/
18312.....	10/	12831.....	13/
18283.....	11/3	12832.....	12/
12824.....	11/3	12833.....	12/
18285.....	12/	12834.....	12/
18286.....	10/9	21501.....	10/9
18287.....	10/9	21502.....	10/9
18288.....	12/6	21503.....	12/

Van Wagoner & Williams are introducing a new Door Spring, which they style the "Gem."

The following are the prices:

No. 1 large.....	per dozen, \$4 00
No. 2 medium.....	" 3 50
No. 3 small.....	" 3 00

An illustration of this Spring will be found in their advertisement on our last page.

E. M. Boynton has handed us the following statement of his prices:

Lightning Cross Cut, \$1 per ft.....	dis 40 c
One Man Saws, \$1 per ft.....	dis 40 c
Butch Saws, \$1 per doz.....	dis 30 c
Bullet Webe, \$10 per doz.....	dis 30 c
Dr g Saws.....	dis 40 c
Hand Saws.....	dis 40 c
Common Tooth, Circular, Mill, Hand and Panel.....	dis 15 c

Our readers are not likely to overlook the advertisement on our ninth page of the Hopkins & Dickinson Mfg. Co. This company are now manufacturing a large and very handsome line of Real Bronze Hardware, embracing Locks, Knobs, Butts, and all other Door and Window Trimmings. Their illustrated catalogue, lately issued, is a beautiful production, and the cuts of their various manufactures are very fine, being all, we believe, full size, and illustrating a very complete assortment of goods in this line. The designs are particularly artistic and attractive.

We invite the attention of the trade to the advertisement, among our "special notices," of Bissell & Co.'s Hardware trade sale, to take place on Sept. 29th and 30th. It is expected that a large variety of goods will be offered at their sale, and a numerous attendance is looked for.

The Excelsior Works, Empire China Works, French China Works, and East Morrisania China Works have adopted the following price list of Porcelain Hardware Trimmings, to take effect Sept. 15th. In their circular accompanying the new price list they call attention to the fact that although porcelain goods have fallen over 50 per cent. in price during the last three or four years, there has not been a corresponding reduction in labor, material nor any of the contingent expenses incurred in producing goods; and they say that this difference is clearly so great that this branch of industry will inevitably be destroyed unless a better comparison is observed. They say that the new prices are simply fair and remunerative, and make allowance for recent reductions in the cost of production. We believe the advance in prices is about 30 per cent. from the late low prices. The circular concludes with the following paragraph: "It is also hereby mutually agreed that we will not sell any of our goods to any jobber or dealer except at an advance of 15 per cent. or more above the prices at which we sell to manufacturers, as the practice of selling alike to all has mainly been the means of bringing prices to their present ruinous condition." If this advance is maintained, the effect on many Hardware articles will be considerable.

PRICE LIST OF PORCELAIN HARDWARE TRIMMINGS.

Door Knob Tops, 2 1/2 inch.....	per thousand, \$60 00
All sizes under.....	" 30 00
2 1/2 inch.....	" 30 00
2 1/2 inch, 2 1/2 inch.....	" 30 00
Door Knob Roses, all sizes under.....	" 20 00
2 1/2 inch.....	" 20 00
Bell Pull Roses.....	per hundred, 3 00
Escutcheons, Poppy Drops only, regular size.....	per thousand, 17 50
Escutcheons, Poppy Drops only, small size.....	" 17 50
Escutcheons, Porcelain Bases for Poppy Drops.....	" 17 50

No. 0, 1/2 Key Hole.....	per thousand, 17 50
No. 1, 1/2 ".....	" 17 50
No. 2, 1/2 ".....	" 17 50
No. 3, 1/2 ".....	" 20 00
No. 4, 1/2 ".....	" 20 00
Night Key Escutcheons.....	" 17 50
Scallops or Fronts, for Picture Nail Heads, &c.....	per gross, 0 30
Front Door Escutchs, with drop, per doz.....	\$2 25, net
Shutter Knob Tops, with hole through, for Loose	

1/2 and 3/4 inch.....	per thousand, \$11 00
1 inch.....	" 12 00
1 1/2 inch.....	" 13 00
2 inch.....	" 14 00
2 1/2 inch.....	" 15 00
3 inch.....	" 16 00
3 1/2 inch.....	" 17 00
4 inch.....	" 18 00
4 1/2 inch.....	" 19 00
5 inch.....	" 20 00
5 1/2 inch.....	" 21 00
6 inch.....	" 22 00

Drawer and Shutter Knob Tops, for Fast Screws, 1/2 and 3/4 inch.....	per thousand, \$11 00
1 inch.....	" 12 00
1 1/2 inch.....	" 13 00
2 inch.....	" 14 00
2 1/2 inch.....	" 15 00
3 inch.....	" 16 00
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4 inch.....	" 18 00
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5 inch.....	" 20 00
5 1/2 inch.....	" 21 00
6 inch.....	" 22 00

Small Knobs for Sash Fasteners, Latches, &c., 1/2 and 3/4 inch.....	11 00
Small Knobs for Sash Fasteners, Latches, &c., 1/2 inch.....	12 00
Small K-nobs for Sash Fasteners, Latches, &c., 1/4 inch.....	13 00

Charles E. Little, 59 Fulton street, has handed us the following new price list of Coachmakers' Tools, from which a discount of 15 per cent. is taken.

Drawing Knives, 1/2, 3/4, 1, 1 1/4, 1 1/2, 1 3/4, 2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2, 17, 17 1/2, 18, 18 1/2, 19, 19 1/2, 20, 20 1/2, 21, 21 1/2, 22, 22 1/2, 23, 23 1/2, 24, 24 1/2, 25, 25 1/2, 26, 26 1/2, 27, 27 1/2, 28, 28 1/2, 29, 29 1/2, 30, 30 1/2, 31, 31 1/2, 32, 32 1/2, 33, 33 1/2, 34, 34 1/2, 35, 35 1/2, 36, 36 1/2, 37, 37 1/2, 38, 38 1/2, 39, 39 1/2, 40, 40 1/2, 41, 41 1/2, 42, 42 1/2, 43, 43 1/2, 44, 44 1/2, 45, 45 1/2, 46, 46 1/2, 47, 47 1/2, 48, 48 1/2, 49, 49 1/2, 50, 50 1/2, 51, 51 1/2, 52, 52 1/2, 53, 53 1/2, 54, 54 1/2, 55, 55 1/2, 56, 56 1/2, 57, 57 1/2, 58, 58 1/2, 59, 59 1/2, 60, 60 1/2, 61, 61 1/2, 62, 62 1/2, 63, 63 1/2, 64, 64 1/2, 65, 65 1/2, 66, 66 1/2, 67, 67 1/2, 68, 68 1/2, 69, 69 1/2, 70, 70 1/2, 71, 71 1/2, 72, 72 1/2, 73, 73 1/2, 74, 74 1/2, 75, 75 1/2, 76, 76 1/2, 77, 77 1/2, 78, 78 1/2, 79, 79 1/2, 80, 80 1/2, 81, 81 1/2, 82, 82 1/2, 83, 83 1/2, 84, 84 1/2, 85, 85 1/2, 86, 86 1/2, 87, 87 1/2, 88, 88 1/2, 89, 89 1/2, 90, 90 1/2, 91, 91 1/2, 92, 92 1/2, 93, 93 1/2, 94, 94 1/2, 95, 95 1/2, 96, 96 1/2, 97, 97 1/2, 98, 98 1/2, 99, 99 1/2, 100, 100 1/2, 101, 101 1/2, 102, 102 1/2, 103, 103 1/2, 104, 104 1/2, 105, 105 1/2, 106, 106 1/2, 107, 107 1/2, 108, 108 1/2, 109, 109 1/2, 110, 110 1/2, 111, 111 1/2, 112, 112 1/2, 113, 113 1/2, 114, 114 1/2, 115, 115 1/2, 116, 116 1/2, 117, 117 1/2, 118, 118 1/2, 119, 119 1/2, 120, 120 1/2, 121, 121 1/2, 122, 122 1/2, 123, 123 1/2, 124, 124 1/2, 125, 125 1/2, 126, 126 1/2, 127, 127 1/2, 128, 128 1/2, 129, 129 1/2, 130, 130 1/2, 131, 131 1/2, 132, 132 1/2, 133, 133 1/2, 134, 134 1/2, 135, 135 1/2, 136, 136 1/2, 137, 137 1/2, 138, 138 1/2, 139, 139 1/2, 140, 140 1/2, 141, 141 1/2, 142, 142 1/2, 143, 143 1/2, 144, 144 1/2, 145, 145 1/2, 146, 146 1/2, 147, 147 1/2, 148, 148 1/2, 149, 149 1/2, 150, 150 1/2, 151, 151 1/2, 152, 152 1/2, 153, 153 1/2, 154, 154 1/2, 155, 155 1/2, 156, 156 1/2, 157, 157 1/2, 158, 158 1/2, 159, 159 1/2, 160, 160 1/2, 161, 161 1/2, 162, 162 1/2, 163, 163 1/2, 164, 164 1/2, 165, 165 1/2, 166, 166 1/2, 167, 167 1/2, 168, 168 1/2, 169, 169 1/2, 170, 170 1/2, 171, 171 1/2, 172, 172 1/2, 173, 173 1/2, 174, 174 1/2, 175, 175 1/2, 176, 176 1/2, 177, 177 1/2, 178, 178 1/2, 179, 179 1/2, 180, 180 1/2, 181, 181 1/2, 182, 182 1/2, 183, 183 1/2, 184, 184 1/2, 185, 185 1/2, 186, 186 1/2, 187, 187 1/2, 188, 188 1/2, 189, 189 1/2, 190, 190 1/2, 191, 191 1/2, 192, 192 1/2, 193, 193 1/2, 194, 194 1/2, 195, 195 1/2, 196, 196 1/2, 197, 197 1/2, 198, 198 1/2, 199, 199 1/2, 200, 200 1/2, 201, 201 1/2, 202, 202 1/2, 203, 203 1/2, 204, 204 1/2, 205, 205 1/2, 206, 206 1/2, 207, 207 1/2, 208, 208 1/2, 209, 209 1/2, 210, 210 1/2, 211
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	Pace	Dis. per cent
140-141, Taylor's Western Gong Bells.....	.85	
143, Taylor's "Russian Gong Bells.....	.85	
147, Russian Sleigh Bells.....	.25	
146, "Patent Shaft Bells.....	.35	
147, " " " " " " " " " " " "	.35	
147, Weed's Self-boring Molasses Gaskets.....	.15	
"Composition Faucets.....	.add 10	
149, Brady Lathe.....	10x10	
151, Zima.....	.25 doz.	.15
151, "Laque.....	20 doz.	10x10
154, Yankee.....	10x10	
155, "Star Tumbler" Lan'ns, less than 25 doz., net	25 doz.	.20
" " " " " " " " " " " "	30 doz.	.30
" " " " " " " " " " " "	100 doz.	.20
156, Hitching Rods.....	.net	
157, Chain Door Fasteners.....	.10	
158, " " " " " " " " " " " "	.10	
189-898, Nashua Lock Co.'s Locks, Knobs, Keys, Escutchments, &c.....		
206, Toacco Casters, ½ doz. \$18.00.....	45x5	
311-318, Band D Locks and Latches, Padlocks, &c 20		
319-321, Trunk Locks.....	.35	
322, Eames' Patent Lock Box, &c, &c, Locks.....	.35	
323, Eagle Lock Keys.....	.net	
333, Plate Casters, "Toler's," except Porcelain Wheels.....	30x10	
333, Show Socket Casters, except Porcelain Wheels.....	30x10	
333, Porcelain Plate Casters.....	30x10	
334, Bed Socket Casters.....	30x10	
334, Bell Casters, except Porcelain Wheels.....	.35	
335, "Globe, with Porcel'n Wheels, 33x1		
335, Bracket Bed Casters.....	.23x	
335, Truck Casters.....	.33x	
335, Iron Furniture.....	.33x	
335, Plane Casters.....	30x10	
335, Extension Casters.....	30x10	
336, Ford's Casters.....	.35	
337, Gross.....	.45	
337, Torrey and Gate Spring.....	.50	
338, Torrey's Door.....	.50	
338, Rubber Door Springs and Bands.....	.10	
339, "Anti-Friction" Barn Door Hangers.....	.30	
340, "Barn Case," Door Hangers.....	.40	
341-348, "Hiddleboro" Saw, Spades, and Scoops 13x		
346, Ames' Shovels and Spades.....	12x	
349, Scythe Snaths.....	.25	
349, Grain Cradles.....	.20	
350, "Plane Casters.....	.30	
350-351, Scythes.....	.25	
352, Bush Scythes, Hay and Straw Kufes.....	.25	
352, Grass Hooks, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.....	.10	
352, "Cane Cutters..... M.....	.20	
352, Corn Knives, No. 1.....	.10	
352, Elbow Corn Cutters.....	.40	
352, Scythe Stones.....	.10	
352, Rides.....	.10	
352, Manure Forks and Spading Forks.....	.20	
353, Potato Hooks.....	.30	
354, Hoos.....	.30	
354, C. S. Rakes.....	.35x	
354, Macaulay's Hand Rake.....	.40	
354, Wood Head Rakes.....	.40	
355, Handles.....	.10	
355, Moore's Floral Tools.....	.25	
355, Floral Tools In Sets.....	.40	
356, Steelyards.....	.net	
356-357, Spring Balances and Bow Scales.....	15x7 1/2	
357, Beam Balances.....	.35x	
357, Platform or Counter Scales.....	.35x	
357, "Tea and Coffee Scales.....	.25	
358-360, Wood's Cutlery Co., Knives, &c.....	.net	
360 Beatty's Cleavers and Choppers.....	.15	
361-369, Edger's Tapes.....	.10	
370, " " " " " " " " " " " "	50x5	
372, Thermometers, Tin Case, Dairy, Metal Wood Case.....	50x5	
372, Black Walnut or Cabinet Case should read "rolled" not "old," and fancy Thermom.....	.10	
368, Trace Chains.....		
368, Breast.....		
368, Heel.....		
369, "Traces.....		
369, Breaching Chain.....		
369, Back Cart.....		
369, Twisted and Best Crane Chain.....		
369, Gravel Link and Counting Chain.....		
370, "Chain Rings.....		
371, Ox or Log Chain.....		
371, Ox or Cow Ties.....		
371, Mining Traps.....	.70	
371, Small Stages.....	.70	
371, Hooks and Staples.....	.70	
371, Aways and Staples.....	.70	
371, Hauling Hooks.....	.70	
371, Tunneling Pins.....	.65	
371, Trap Door Rings and Staples.....	.70	
372, Wrought Rings.....	.70	
372, "S Hooks.....	.70	
372, Hitching Snags.....	[Short List]	
372, Hinge Rivets.....	.70	
373, Strap and T Hinges.....	20x10	
373, Narrow Fast Wrought Butts.....	.30	
373, Broad "Do.....	.30	
373, Black Flap Blanks and Inside Blind Butts.....	.30	
374, Providence Hinges.....	.20	
374, Heavy Welded Hook Hinges.....	.20	
374, Washburn's Patent Blind Hinges.....	.10	
374, "Blind Hinges.....	.65	
374, Clark's Blind Hinges.....	4x5x10	
374, Parker's.....	4x5x10	
375, State Gate Hinges.....	60x10	
375, New England "State Gate Hinges.....	60x10	
375, Automatic Gate Hinges and Latches.....	.net	
375, Lead's Gate Hinges and Fastn.....	.net	
375, Clark's Improved Gate Hinges.....	.20	
375, " " " " " " " " " " " "	.20	
376, Hat and Coat, and Wardrobe Hooks.....	6x5x5	
376, Hotel or School House Hooks.....	60x5x5	
376, Harness Hooks.....	60x5x5	
376, "Knob Barrel Bolts.....	60x5x5	
376, Bronzed Iron Barrel Bolts.....	60x10	
377, Square Door Bolts.....	.60	
377, Cascd Bronzed Iron Bolts.....	60x10	
377, Square Bolted Blakes Pattern.....	.60	
377, Flat Shutter Bolts.....	.60	
377, Chain Bolts.....	60x10	
377, Square Cascd Bronzed Chain Bolts.....	60x10	
377, Spring Foot Bolts.....	.60	
377, Black Strap Blakes Pattern.....	.60	
377, Roggen's Latches.....	60x10	
377, Barn Door Latches.....	60x10	
377, Store Door Handles, No. 9.....	65x10	
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378, Door Buttons, Japanned.....	.60	
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Brundage Middletonton Forged Horse Nails.										
100 lbs.	6	7	8	9	10					
200 lbs.	24c.	24c.	24c.	24c.	24c.					
3,000 lbs.						dis. 5%				
2,000 lbs.						dis. 5%				
5,000 lbs.						dis. 10%				
New York Forged Horse Nails.										
17c.	15c.	14c.	13c.	12c.						
Wrenches.										
Coe's Pattern.						60c. 10%				
Taft's Pattern.						70c. 10%				
Scales.										
No. 1, Union Steel Bearing, 244 lbs.						\$35.00	4.00, net			
No. 2, Union Iron						244 lbs.	4.00, net			
Counter Scales, No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$2.38; No. 3, \$3.00										
Hatch Scales, 8 lbs., No. 13, \$3.00; Tea Scales, \$1.25						dis. 25%				
Grocer Scales, No. 1, 65 lbs., \$9.00; No. 2, 36 lbs.						dis. 25%				
Buffalo Platform						dis. 25%				
Steel Beams						50c. per 100 lbs., net				
Ring Tap Borers						dis. 30%				
Inch.	1	1 1/2	1 3/4	2	2 1/2	2 3/4				
	\$3.75	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	10.00	12.00 16.00			
Door Stops, Rubber Tip, No. 8.						dis. 50%				
Birch, Walnut, M'gany, Porc. Enamelled.										
2 3/4 Inch, 11.00						12.00 per gross				
3 3/4 " 11.00						13.00 "				
Yaw's Cow Bells.						dis. 3%				
Nos.	1	2	3	4	5					
Size.	12x50	9x50	8x50	7x50	6x50	per doz.				
No.	7x5	6 1/2x5	6x4 1/2	5 1/2x4 1/2	5x3 1/2					
Nos.	5	6	7	8						
Size.	4x50	3x60	2x25	2x00	per doz.					
Size.	4x3 1/2	4x3 1/2	3x3 1/2	2x3 1/2						
Axe Handles.										
\$2.50	1.75	1.35	1.25	0.75	per doz.					
No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.						
Pick Handles.										
No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.						
Extra.	No. 1.	No. 1 1/2.	No. 2.	No. 3.						
Sledge Handles.										
Extra 36 in.	34	32	30	24						
No. 1.	1.50	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.25					
Gimlets.										
Metal Head, Nail Gimlets, No. 1, \$4.00; No. 2, \$4.50 per gross.						dis. 40%				
Metal Head, Spike Gimlets, No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$3.50 per gross.						dis. 40%				
Double Cut Gimlets.						dis. 50%				
Gimlet Bits.										
Double Cut, Assorted, Nos. 1 to 6.						Per gross, dis. 50%				
With Screw.						7.50, " 40%				
Without Screw.						9.00, " 40%				
Phelan's Axes.										
Phelan's Kentucky Pattern Axes, 4 to 5, 4 1/2 to 5, 4 1/2 to 5, 4 1/2 to 5.						dis. 10%				
Phelan's Ohio Axes, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2, 4 to 5, 4 1/2 to 5.						10.00				
Phelan's Boy's Axes, handled.						7.50				
Phelan's Double Axes.						13.00				
Miller's Handled Axes.						13.00				
Phelan's Hatchets, warranted cast steel.										
Shingling.	No. 1, \$4.00	No. 2, \$4.50	No. 3, \$5.00	No. 4, \$5.50						
Claw.	No. 1, 4.75	No. 2, 5.25	No. 3, 5.75	No. 4, 6.25						
Junior's.	No. 1, 4.75	No. 2, 5.25	No. 3, 5.75	No. 4, 6.25						
Hunter's.	No. 1, 5.00	No. 2, 5.50	No. 3, 6.00	No. 4, 6.50						
Jas. T. Maguire's Wrought Iron Goods.										
Staples, Hooks and Staples, Hapses and Staples, Hooks, Hapses, Staples, Awning Hooks, Tapered Rings, Mallets, Hammers, Wagon Body Staples, S Hooks, Lap Links and Corner Irons.						net cash 70c. 5%				
Hinge Nails and Rivets.						60c. 10%				
Gate Latches complete.						30c. 10% 10%				
Fastenings, Pins, Fung and Holes.						25c. 10% 10%				
Tackle Blocks, all kinds.						25c. 10% 10%				
Carriage Spokes.						20c. 10%				
Hickory, XX.						20c. 10%				
Oak, X.						20c. 10%				
Hickory, X.						45c. 10%				
Oak, X.						45c. 10%				
Blacking, Jacquand, Pere & Fils—F'ch Impt'd.						25c. 10%				
No. 3	4	12.00	18.00	per gross.						
Dippers.						net				
Cocoa Nut, Rimmed.						per doz., \$2.50				
Britannia, in bbls.						2.00				
Saw Handles.						4.75				
Beech, Varished Edges, No. 2.						per gro., \$10.50				
Plane Handles.						9.00				
Fore or Joiner.						per gro.,				
Jack.						3.50				
The following are H. Chapin's Son's net cash discounts from their illustrated catalogue of January, 1874.										
New York, September 1st, 1874.										
Awl Handles.						dis. 40c. 10%				
Boxwood Rules.						70%				
Bench Planes, "Pearce"						33 1/2c. 10%				
Extra.						35c. 10%				
Premium						32c. 10%				
Sets in cases.						32c. 10%				
Razee.						30c. 10%				
Boring Machines.						30c. 10%				
Bench Screws.						30c. 10%				
Coopers' Planes.						35c. 10%				
Clamp Head Screws.						30c. 10%				
Chisel Handles.						40c. 10%				
For Stope.						30c. 10%				
Files.						45c. 10%				
Gauges.						45c. 10%				
Scholl's Patent.						45c. 10%				
Butler's Patent.						45c. 10%				
Hand Screws.						35c. 10%				
Beading.						35c. 10%				
Ivory Rules.						50c. 10%				
Iron Rules.						30c. 10%				
Levels.						60c. 10c. 10%				
Level.						60c. 10c. 10%				
Miscellaneous Rules.						50c. 10%				
Planes.						35c. 10%				
Molding Planes.						35c. 10%				
Flows, Grooving.						35c. 10%				
Planing Adjusting.						35c. 10%				
Plumbs and Levels.						60, 10c. 10%				
Pocket Levels.						50c. 10%				
Level Gages.						40c. 10%				
Shaping Planes.						10c. 10%				
Stops.						10c. 10%				
Screw Drivers.						10c. 10%				
Sliding T Bevels, No. 1.						30c. 10%				
Try Squares, premium.						30c. 10%				
No. 1.						30c. 10%				
No. 2.						40c. 10%				
Turning Saw Frames.						30c. 10%				
And Saw.						30c. 10%				
Poy Tool Chest Supplies.						10c. 10%				

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

(Specially reported by cable for The Iron Age.)

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23, 1874.

**Scotch Pig.**—During the week the quotations for maker's Irons have gone up several billings per ton over the figures last quoted by cable, and the market is now firm at the rise, apparently owing to a genuine shipping demand, the returns for last week showing a very large increase over the corresponding period of last year. Following are maker's prices :

Bartharrie No. 1.	112/6
Voltness No. 1.	113/6
Wingarton No. 1.	100/
Wingarton No. 1.	92/

**Manufactured Iron.**—The market is quiet, with a steady demand. Prices are declining, the amount of business is fair. Best Staffordshire Bars are still nominally quoted £10. 0/ at £11.

**Rails.**—The demand is improving, and a fair amount of business has been transacted, but prices are weak. Welsh are quoted £7. 10/ 7. 15/

**AMERICAN IRON.**—The price continues to be \$30 for No. 1 Foundry, and \$28 for No. 2, for prime Lehigh brands, and less popular brands have been selling cheaper, as they always must. There is still a great pressure to sell, and some outside lots are offered at extremely low prices without takers. Although a considerable quantity of iron has been sold, there were no large or noteworthy sales. We quote: No. 1 Foundry, \$30; No. 2 Foundry, \$28; Gray Forge, \$22 and \$27.

**Scotch Pig.**—The stock here and the demand continue small, and little of moment has been done. We note the sale of 300 tons Eglington at \$34.25. We quote Glengarnock, \$37 at \$38, and Eglington, \$35. Our cablegram from Glasgow reports an improvement in the Glasgow market.

**Bar.**—There is no change to note in the prices of either mills or stores. We continue to quote Refined from mill, 3 cents per lb.

**Rails.**—Nothing has been done in Foreign. We note the sale of 4000 tons American of private terms. We quote Welsh \$48 @ \$50, gold, and American \$55, at works.

**Old Rails.**—About 2000 tons have been sold for mill delivery at \$30, equal to about \$28 here. A great many are offering by railroads which are underselling other holders.

**Scrap.**—Scrap from yard is now quoted \$3 @ \$35. We note the sale of 600 tons, New Bedford delivery, part at \$33 and part at \$35.

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**METALS.**

**Copper.**—The week's sales sum up 300,000 pounds Lake, on the spot, to actual consumers at 21c., and the market is remarkably strong with large orders at 20½c. @ 20¾c., cash, but no sellers at this. Aside from these domestic orders, there are some for export, amounting altogether to 500,000 pounds, at the limit of 20½c. @ 20¾c. The quantity gone forward to Europe thus far since summer amounts to 8,000,000 pounds, and 2,000,000 are still to follow in the same direction, all purchased, and reported by us at the time. Little, if any, Lake Copper is offering at 21c., holders generally asking 21½c., nor can any "futures" be had under 22c.; the mining companies are entirely out of the market, and offer nothing for forward delivery below 22c. There is a hardening tendency in the market, and we may see higher rates ere the week is brought to a close. European accounts have been getting better week after week, another rise being announced by cable of £1 per ton, Best Selected at London being wired £29, and Chili Bars \$20, yesterday. Mail advices from London, to hand to-day, are dated 12th instant, when Chili Bars stood £77 @ £78. 10/, now £80. At the same time the report includes the following passage: "Orders for English manufactured have been limited, and sellers have submitted to a reduction." From this we come to the conclusion that the London improvement is caused by speculation merely, and not by any extra demand from consumers. Cheap money, probably, causes temporary investments in Copper. But, however this may be, it favors the retention of our Copper over there, instead of seeing it return this way, should we go on improving. The British government returns for the first seven months of the current year show pure Copper imports (everything reduced to Copper) of 38,817 tons, against 34,299 and 42,822 in 1873 and 1872, and exports of 38,589, against 35,521 and 27,375. They certainly exhibit quite a healthy state of affairs as compared with 1872, and these are statistics that we can rely on, being official. Baltimore Copper may be quoted firm at 21c. @ 21½c. Manufactured Copper is still unsettled, and so is Yellow Metal. We quote Yellow Metal Bolts 28c. @ 30c., and, nominally, New Sheathing Copper 30c. @ 31c.; Bolts and Brackets, 32c. @ 33c.; and Bronze and Yellow Metal, 22c. @ 23c., net cash.

**Tin.**—This metal is unusually firm at 21½c. @ 22c., gold, for Straits, the firmness checking dealings for the present. Arrivals here, it is true, been quite large of this sort lately, but at a cost say from 23c. @ 24c., gold, laid down here, and as the receivers are financially strong enough to go into stores with them, instead of forcing a sale on the dock, involving a heavy loss, they prefer to hold on to their goods, and this with all the more reason as the European and East India telegrams thus far to hand this week are of a decidedly encouraging nature, and on carefully studying the foreign reports and statistics come to hand the past day or two, it will be found that the article wears a solid, promising look. This specially relates to the reduced stock of Banca in Holland, in second hands, say 10,676 Slabs against 22,000 a year ago. The price here on the 1st instant was 57 guilders, against 79 on September 1, 1873, and 93½ on 1872, for Banca; it has declined to a point so low that with a generally improving outlook it is fair to presume a gradual rise may take place, which will assimilate it more to the value of preceding years. As regards English Tin, which has run so low in stock in our midst, prices on the other side have improved too much to warrant our noting here, unless we also advance. We cannot quote English Refined above 21½c., gold, and L & F 21½c., Banca 2½c. @ 30c., all gold. By cable yesterday London quotes Straits £94, English Refined, £90, and L & F £98. Singapore on the 18th instant stood \$34.75 per picul for Malacca Tin, and yesterday wires, £25 and strong. Nothing has been done in New York in Tin to arrive, none of the importers caring to sell ahead what there is no prospect of obtaining cheap enough to make but a mere fraction of profit on. The Dutch Trading Company will sell 30,300 slabs Banca on the 30th instant. A cheerful tone is also obtaining in the Tin Plate market among us. Cables have been received the past few days' reporting large transactions in England. L. C. Coke has pulled in stock to

our midst, nor is it easy to purchase the same to arrive, and we have to single out the description as being the stiffest on the list, a good jobbing business being reported for the week in all kinds, with a good deal more firmness as we proceed, and closing quite strong at the following quotations: I. C. Charcoal, \$9.75 @ \$10, gold, per box; J. C. Coke \$7.75 @ \$8.25; Coke Terne, \$6.75 @ \$7, and Charcoal Terne, \$8.75 @ \$9.25, all gold.

**Lead.**—Not much animation can be reported with respect to this metal, with which we are, from all appearances, returning to dull times once more. The government sold some 500 tons at 6c., gold., and since then, 200 tons Domestic have changed hands at 6.05 @ 6.10c., gold. As regards the general tone of the market, it has, however, to be put down as decidedly strong, which specially refers also to Foreign, firmly held at 6½c. @ 6¾c., gold, the accounts from abroad continuing quite buoyant. The London report by mail reads as follows: "LONDON, Sept. 12.—The firmness of the market continues, and sellers are anticipating higher prices. Not only is there a satisfactory inquiry, but the supplies of Spanish are limited, and this will probably be so while Spain keeps in such a disturbed state. As there is no appearance of the civil war terminating, but rather the contrary, Lead will, no doubt, maintain its present position for some time to come." We quote Refined Foreign 6½c. @ 7c., gold, and as for the manufactures of Lead, we quote Bar, Pipe and Sheet 8½c., less 10 per cent., and Tin Lined Pipe 16½c.

**Spelter and Zinc.**—Domestic Spelter has become a trifle firmer, and 6½c., currency, is insisted upon by holders, with a moderate jobbing business transacting. Foreign is firm and quiet at 6½c. @ 6¾c., gold, for ordinary to best brands Silesian. C. G. H. selling at 6.80, gold, to arrive, in 25 ton lots. The London accounts to Sept. 12 are as follows: "The principal transactions that have been reported in this metal have been for deliveries at outports, and the prices realized have ranged from £21.17/6 to £22.5, the market closing at the latter price. In Hard sales have been made at £14.15/1." Other reports, by the same mail, state that a good trade is doing, and that Foreign Spelter has advanced between 7/6 and 10/ during the week, the supply of English, owing to sales to Sept. 12, being still nominal and very high prices asked for these sorts. We have on various occasions mentioned, in these reports, that the causes which are in operation to enhance the value of Spelter in Europe are twofold, viz., difficulties of transportation from the mines, and an extra demand for France, apparently not yet satisfied. Sheet Zinc here, of the better descriptions, is scarce and firmer at 8½c. @ 8¾c., gold.

**Antimony.**—There is a better demand and more selling, and we are able to quote the same firm at 11½c. @ 11¾c., gold.

**COAL.**

There has been no improvement in the Coal market since last week, and business is exceedingly dull for this season of the year. Dealers say that there will be no change of consequence until the month of November, when a better business is expected. Monthly circulars have already been issued, which will advance the prices of all kinds of Anthracite Coal, for October delivery, 15 cents per ton. The regular monthly sale of Scranton Coal takes place next Wednesday; 50,000 tons will be offered for sale. The circular of Mr. Frederick A. Potts, No. 110 Broadway, quotes as follows for October delivery:

*Shipped from Port Johnson, Elizabethport, Hoboken and Trenton.*

	Lump.	Steamer.	Broken.	Egg.	Stove.	Chestnut.	Washed Pea.
L. & W. C. Co.'s, Wilkesbarre	5 40	5 30	5 60	5 75	25	5 30	3 75
L. & W. C. Co.'s, Old Co. Lehigh	6 35	...	6 30	6 30	6 45	5 40	4 00
Plymouth Red Ash	...	...	5 60	5 75	6 35	5 20	...
L. & W. C. Co.'s, Honeybrook Lehigh	6 30	...	6 15	6 15	6 30	5 35	4 00
Spring Brook Lehigh	6 20	...	6 15	6 15	6 30	5 35	4 00
L. & W. C. Co.'s, Rock Hill	6 35	...	5 85	5 85	6 30	5 20	4 00
Fulton Lehigh	6 35	...	6 30	6 30	6 45	5 40	4 00
Scranton	5 40	5 50	5 60	5 75	6 25	5 20	...

The market for Bituminous Coal still continues very dull, but the proprietors of the mines are in hopes that the demand will soon be better so far forward, being still in inquiry, however, for Cumberland Steam Coals this week than for some time past.

The quotations for Anthracite are \$5.50 @ \$6.50, by the cargo, and for Gas Coals the prices are: Cumberland, \$6.50 @ \$6.75; West Virginia, \$7.50 @ \$8; Pennsylvania and Westmoreland, \$7.50 @ \$7.75; American Cannel, \$12 @ \$14; Broad Top, \$9.25; Decatur, \$8.25; James River, \$7; Murphy Run, \$7.50; Monongahela, \$7.50; West Fairmont, \$7.50; Sterling, Ohio, \$12; Cinnawana Gas, \$13; Kittanning, \$6.25; Ince Hall, \$13 @ \$15; Newburg Orrel, \$7.50; Cloverhill, \$6 of Virginia, \$6 @ \$6.50; Derby, \$6.25; Shafton, \$7.75; Despard, \$7.50; Cannelton Cannel at New York, \$12.50; Red Bank Cannel, at Philadelphia, \$5.50; Ritchie Mineral, of West Virginia, at Baltimore, \$15.

Foreign is dull, but an improvement is expected. We hear of sales to arrive of 500 tons English Cannel at \$17, cash.

Our quotations are as follows: Liverpool House Cannel, \$17 @ \$18; Liverpool Gas, \$10; Newcastle Gas, \$7.50 @ \$8; Scotch, \$9.

The Coal transported over the Cumberland and Branch Railroad during the week ending September 19, 1874, amounted to 3504 tons, against 6400 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 2896 tons. Over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 47,142 tons, against 57,433 tons shipped in 1873, a decrease of 10,291 tons.

**OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.**

The market for Old Metals, Rags, Paper and other junk materials still continues very quiet. Prices are firm, and our quotations remain unchanged. The demand for Rags and Paper Stock is steadily improving, and the past week has been a very active one in some departments. There is but little call for Old Metals, with the exception of Copper, which is in moderate request. We quote the following as the current purchasing rates:







by Perry & Sons, of Bilston. All the furnaces are fitted up with the bell and hopper apparatus, with a view to the utilization of the waste gases, which are sufficient to supply all the heaters and boilers without any fuel. The blast furnaces are distant about 200 yards from the steel works, the intervening space being occupied by sidings and filling sheds, and a spacious cast iron bridge spanning the whole of these sidings connects the one department with the other. There is not a single turnstile about the works. All the laden trains pass up one of the sidings—for they enter and leave at the same end—until they are shunted on to the down main line, when they empty their contents into the pit attached to the filling sheds and pass through to take their departure again. The steel works are in three large bays or roofs, each 35 ft. between the principals, and 700 ft. in length. The pig iron is being brought from the blast furnaces in a rather peculiar manner; the first cast of the week is put down in a row of perhaps 150 to 200 yards in length, and the next day's cast is placed atop of the first day's and so on until the end of the week, when the pigs are cleared from top to bottom of the heap, thus giving a week's average of the iron, and preserving a uniform consistency and quality of steel. The productive capacity of the steel works is 3500 tons per week. Rails constitute the principal branch of manufacture, there being three large rail mills, one plate mill, and one smaller mill for merchant steel. The ingots are cast in groups of eight with one "get" at the end, and they are stoppered down before the cast is begun. The arrangement adopted here is not a new one. Several firms have tried it before, but with little success. The secret of the success of the Barrow Company consists in a peculiar arrangement, by means of which stiffness is readily secured. There are eighteen converters at work, and twelve steam hammers by John Musgrave & Sons, of Bolton. One of the rail mills is driven by a Ramsbottom reversing engine. The other two rail mills are worked on the three-high principle, and are actuated by beam engines, supplied by Hicks, of Bolton; while an ordinary horizontal engine, with a 40 in. cylinder, actuates the merchant mill. The total engine-power of the works is equal to that of 4000 horses. Most of the boilers are of the ordinary Cornish pattern, but there are also thirteen of Howard's patent boilers fired by Vicar's mechanical appliance. The coke used in the works is chiefly obtained from South Durham, but the company have arranged to open out collieries of their own in South Wales and in the Barnsley district.

**OTHER WEST COAST MINES AND WORKS.**  
By a special train on the Friday the members of the Institute—including also such visitors as M. Schneider, M. D'Aurimont (Liege), &c.—visited several of the leading mines, furnaces and works of what may be termed the hematite district. After leaving Millom, the train proceeded by Sellafield Junction and Egremont to the rich Cleator district, where the first blast furnaces to smelt the native ore were erected. The first stoppage was at Mr. Stilling's Montrose Mines. The first thing that was seen was a portion of the roof had fallen in over one of the "drives," exposing a seam of blast ore at least forty feet thick. Here the men were at work, and many of the visitors carried away beautiful specimens of the ore, including a number of pieces of fine kidney ore. Mr. Crossfield's No. 1 mine, which adjoins, was next visited. This mine is being worked by an adit, and here the miners were working ore yielding from 60 to 70 per cent. of iron. The party then proceeded to the offices of the Montrose works, where refreshments were provided and specimens of ore exhibited. A sectional drawing of the Montrose Mine was also shown, and from this it was seen that extensive iron ore deposits lie within a distance of one hundred yards of several seams of good coal, varying in thickness from two to six feet. This coal seam has not been worked, however, inasmuch as it is thought that the working would interfere with the ore mines.

After leaving the Montrose Mines, the excursionists proceeded to Workington, and in passing the Cleator Moor Iron Works the train was stopped for a few minutes to enable the party to see these works from the line. On arrival at Workington a portion of the party remained to visit the iron works there, while the remainder went on to Maryport. At Workington the West Cumberland Hematite Iron Works were visited. The works employ 2500 hands. There are five blast furnaces, two of them being of very recent erection, and the others dating as far back as 1860, and large steel works, beside which the company work their own colliery. At Cleator, about six miles from Workington, there are five blast furnaces 65 feet in height by 25 feet diameter, and they are capable of producing in the aggregate about 1600 tons of pig iron per week. The steel works contain four Bessemer converters capable of producing 600 or 700 tons of steel per week. The works are about half a mile in length, and are used for manufacturing both steel rails and steel plates. Rails are the specialty of the works, and the rail mill, which is separate from the cogging mill, is said to be capable of producing from 1000 to 1200 tons of rails per week. The Solway Firth bounds the western side of the works, and gives a port for the export of the finished iron and a bed for the slag which is tipped over the embankment into the sea. The mechanical arrangements seem to be modern, and of a very superior kind. The party saw the supplying of one of the Bessemer converters. The molten steel was run into solid molds, which were lined with lime to prevent adhesion. The steel ingots were afterward carried to the rolls, where they were rolled out into two-length rails. The rails were then carried to a circular saw, where the crop ends were cut off. At Maryport the works of the Solway Hematite Iron Company were first visited. In the engine house are two engines, made by Barclay & Co., of Kilmarnock, each of which is of 120 horse-power. The cylinders are of 8 ft. diameter, and the fly-wheels of 30 ft. diameter. The company have four furnaces, but only two were in blast, owing to the depression in the trade of the district at this time. It may be here stated that in some other places visited, several of the furnaces, from the same causes, were not in blast; but it is satisfactory to know that trade is now likely to revive. At the Solway Works about 150 men are employed, and the ore used is from West Cumberland. The Maryport Hematite Company's works were next visited. Here there are about 200 men employed. There are three large engines by Barclay, and six furnaces, only three of which were in blast. Upon the return of the train to Workington, the party that remained there were picked up, and the train proceeded to Whitehaven, but a short delay occurred before the passengers took their seats, owing to the fact carriage having left the metals. In passing the Moss Bay Hematite Iron Works, the Harrington Hematite Iron Works, and the Lonsdale Hematite Iron Works, speed was slackened to enable the excursionists to view the works.

**THE SCOTCH PIG IRON MARKET.**  
Shortly after my last letter was dispatched the dull tone of the warrant market was dispelled by the strike of the Fife and Clackmannan miners, and the hopes of those who had relied upon a fall resulting from the increased production were disappointed. During the latter part of last week prices were fairly firm at 81/10 to 82/1, but at the close of Friday's business there was a slight lapse. It will not be very surprising should this lull assume a more de-

cided tone in the course of the next few days. There are now 112 furnaces in blast out of the total 156. Freight rates are mainly unchanged. Writing on Sept. 8th, Messrs. Wm. Colvin & Co. (Glasgow), said: The warrant market continued quiet on Wednesday and Thursday last, and on latter date the price touched 79/3. Since then the tone has been much firmer, and a fair business was done from 80/ up to 83/1, which was the closing price yesterday afternoon. Today there was a large business done between 83/8 and 84/6, from which point a smart reaction took place to 82/9, closing with buyers offering that price. Undenoted are quotations for makers' iron.

Deliverable alongside.	No. 1.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow	87/6	84/
Gartsherrie, "	110/	84/
Coltness, "	107/6	85/
Summerlee, "	100/	82/
Carnbroe, "	92/	81/
Monkland, "	90/	80/
Clyde, "	90/	80/
Govan, at Broomielaw	87/6	78/
Laigloan, at Port Dundas	117/6	82/6
Caldar, at Ardrossan	97/	81/6
Eglington, "	87/6	76/
Dalmellington, "	102/6	76/
Carroll, at Grangemouth, Scotland	102/6	85/
Shotts, at Leith	102/6	85/
Kinnell, at Bo'ness	90/	80/
Bar Iron	410	
Nail Rods	10	

SHIPMENTS.	Tons, 10,629
Week ending Sept. 6, 1874	9,453
Sept. 5, 1874	1,146
Total decrease since Dec. 25, 1873	151,522

Messrs. James Watson & Co. report, under date Sept. 4: Our Scotch pig iron market has been firm during the week, with business in warrants from 81/9 to 79/6, closing to-day firm at 81/3, cash. Shipments last week were 8751 tons against 12,309 tons in the corresponding week of 1873:

G. M. B., at Glasgow	No. 1.	No. 3.
Gartsherrie, "	86/6	78/
Coltness, "	108/6	86/
Summerlee, "	105/	81/
Langloan, "	106/	82/6
Carnbroe, "	111/	81/
Caldar, at Port Dundas	96/	81/
Gleangarnock, at Ardrossan	96/	81/
Eglington, "	86/	77/
Dalmellington, "	96/	76/
Shotts, at Leith	102/6	86/
Kinnell, at Bo'ness	90/	80/

The shipbuilding trade is better than when last reported upon, owing to recent reductions in the price of iron and fuel, which have enabled figures to be put down somewhat.

**THE SHEFFIELD TRADES.**  
There is very little alteration in the general state of trade in this town and district, quietude being still the order of the day.

Some of the iron works are in receipt of a few orders of respectable dimensions for plates and wire, but, as a rule, the new commissions are neither numerous nor heavy. Rather more is doing in Bessemer steel and rails of that material, in consequence of the reduced figures recently quoted. Hematite pig iron is easy at the following rates: Millom, hematite, Bessemer, No. 1, 95/; No. 2, 92/6; No. 3, 90/; ordinary, No. 3, 90/; No. 4, 87/6; No. 5, 87/6; mottled, 105/; and white, 105/ per ton on four months' terms, net. Maryport is held at 95/ for Nos. 1, 2 and 3; 90/ for No. 4; 90/ for No. 5, M and W; 100/ for Bessemer No. 1; 97/6 Bessemer No. 2; and 95/ for Bessemer No. 3. Bessemer material in the rough is generally worth from 49/ to 51/ per ton.

Contrary to general expectation, and, indeed, apparently in the very face of premises leading to an opposite conclusion, an upward movement in the price of coal has been initiated in this district. On Saturday one or two of the colliery owners of the Derbyshire district raised the price of their coal 1/ per ton, and on Tuesday, being the first day of September, their lead was followed on a more venturesome scale by others. So far as my information goes, I believe that one of the leading coal owning companies near Sheffield, having a retail connection in this town in addition to its wholesale business, has "leveled up" its prices, and that at several large collieries in the Nottingham, South Yorkshire, and Derbyshire districts, the prices have been advanced by 1/ to 2/6 per ton. At present the rise is not a general one, but under certain circumstances it is likely to become so.

I mentioned last week that the whole of the men employed in the blast furnace department of Messrs. John Brown & Co., Atlas Works, Sheffield, had received notice of a reduction of 10 per cent. in wages, to take effect on August 29th. It now remains to be recorded that, by a mutual arrangement, the men have agreed to continue at work providing the drop be made 7 1/2 per cent. only. This has been assented to by the management, it being exactly the same percentage that was added to the men's pay in April, 1873.

The steel trade generally remains very quiet, and I am informed that even the very best firms find it difficult to keep their men fully employed. The foreign and American orders for cast steel are very light and not numerous. Some of the more reflective minds in the trade are beginning to form theories which are unfavorable to the future of this old established industry. We assert that the developments of late years in Bessemer and Siemens-Martin material have seriously robbed the cast steel manufactures, these new steels being very suitable for many purposes for which cast steel was previously the only available agent, and the comparison in prices being ridiculously favorable to the new productions. They find this state of things to be on the increase, and they, therefore, are somewhat uneasy as to the future. I hear of no new movement of importance in the cutlery trade, which continues in an inanimate condition.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE.

The colonies and one or two foreign markets are taking fairly large lots of hardware from Birmingham and the surrounding congeries of towns producing goods of that ilk. The busiest branches of industry are the brass founding, machinery, nut and bolt, wrought hinge and hollow ware. In many respects the North of Europe is still the best customer for these goods, which must of necessity be sent off before the close of the shipping season. India, Egypt, the Cape, and even China, are sending goodly sized orders for machinery, such as hydraulic apparatus, lifting jacks, pumping engines, pulley blocks, horizontal engines, &c. The makers of bridge and ordinary girders, and general kinds of steam boilers, are enjoying a period of renewed activity, and in the chandelier and gas fitting trades the setting of autumn and the consequent approach of winter is marked by increased pressure. The button manufacturers are particularly busy on ivory fancy buttons for the ornamentation of the "fair ones' dresses. The iron tube makers are still short of orders. The large nut and bolt manufacturers have just reduced all descriptions of bolts, nuts, set screws, rivets, coach screws, square and hexagon hand and machine made nuts and their general productions of that class, 5 per cent. all round. There is not a great change to note in the general condition of the Staffordshire iron market. Business, however, is reported briske, a good amount having been transacted during last week. There is a steadily good demand for Sheets. Messrs. Baldwin, of Wile, have issued a revised list, which rearranges figures thus:

Severn Sheets, £15; Wilden B, £18; B B, £19; B B B, £20, 10/; B Charcoal, £27, 10/; E B Charcoal, £29, 10/ per ton at the works. Their quotations for tin plates are: E P and W B, 42/; Wilden, 41/; Unicorn, 40/; Arley, 38/; these are all I.C. Common Bars can be had at £10, but few transactions are recorded owing to the underselling of the South Wales firms. Whether the renewed firmness is bona fide, or a mere spurt put on in order to get goods off before the shipping season closes, yet remains to be seen; there would, nevertheless, appear to be good reason for supposing that trade is improving.

#### SOUTH WALES.

What little news there is this week from the South Wales district is of good omen, and forebodes a state of affairs which is a clear advance upon the late stagnation. Most of the works are doing better, and several of the largest, Dowdalls and Ebbw Vale, for instance, are in receipt of heavy rail orders. Even at Cyfarthfa matters are looking more cheery, and there is the prospect of an early resumption of work at that gigantic establishment. The wages' disputes are dying out. I am informed that the bulk of the rail orders, to which I have alluded, are on South American account, with some few from Russia, Turkey, Egypt and Italy.

#### THE METAL MARKETS.

Metals have been briskly dealt in during the week, copper having been particularly fancied. A good business has been quietly done in lead, whilst tin transactions have been effected at lower prices, owing to the reduction of standard by the Cornish smelters. A perusal of the following excerpts from Messrs. Richardson & Co.'s report, will give an accurate and consecutive representation of the state of the markets since I last wrote:

Messrs. Richardson & Co., Swansea, Sept. 2, report: "Copper.—Present stocks of Chili are 3183 tons of ore, 6518 tons of regulus, 990 tons of copper; Cape produce, 408 tons of ores; Canadian ores, 547 tons; Newfoundland ores, 1537 tons; Spanish ores, 83 tons; Italian ores, 73 tons; Australian ores, 76 tons; British ores, 707 tons; making a total unsold at Swansea of 6414 tons of ore. These totals represent about 5200 tons fine copper. The sales were made from 15/ to 15/3 per unit. The events of the past month have made no material change in the values of the copper market—we have seen scarcely any fluctuation whatever. Perhaps the most noticeable feature that has occurred has been the disruption of the American speculators, through the suspension of one of their largest members; we hear that the surplus stocks they were offering have been bought up by consumers on the other side. Chili bars of g. o. b. have been very firm throughout the month at £75 to £76, with a fair business doing, and the month closed with values showing an upward tendency, 10/ more being offered and declined in furnace stock, exceeding our public sales shown above, we have heard of no large parcel changing hands; holders are inclined to wait for higher rates, 15/3 has been offered for regulus and refused. As we write we have telegraphic news of 15/7 1/2 having been paid for a large quantity to arrive. The advices from the West Coast, since our last issue, are 100 tons pure for the second half of July, and 3000 tons for the first half of August, 900 of which are in bars, and 1100 in ores and regulus. We quote ores and regulus 15/6 to 16/ per unit; tough cake, £83, 10/ to £84, 10/; Chili bars, £77, 10/ to £78; bar silver, 4/10 per ounce standard."

Messrs. French & Smith, London, Sept. 3, say: "Tin.—The fluctuations in price in August were but trifling. The uncertainty as to the Australian supplies presents speculation; but the actual demand for consumption keeps the price steady. The deliveries of foreign last month were again very large. From Holland: Banca, 570 tons; Billiton, 250. From London: Straits and Australian, 745; from which deduct what was transhipped to United States, 194; leaves a net delivery, 1371 tons. The price to-day is Straits, £92, 10/; Australian, £91, 10/; in Holland, Banca, 57 1/2 guineas; Billiton, 54 1/2 guineas. We estimate the quantity of tin (in bars and ores) about from Australia to be 800 tons."

Messrs. Von Dadelzen & North's report, Sept. 4, runs in this wise: "Copper.—A fair business has been done in Chili bars at from £77, 10/ to £78, 10/; according to brand; and £78, 10/ to arrive, for g. o. b.; ore and regulus, 15/3 and 15/6 per unit; Wallaroo, £87, 10/ to £88; Banca, £86, 10/ to £87. English smelters are asking rather more money. Tin.—On the publication of the large deliveries on Monday there was an active demand, and Straits advanced from £91 to £93, and Australian from £89 to £91; but the market has gone easier. Our closing quotations are: Straits, £92 on the spot, £91 to arrive, and Australian, £90, 10/; English is quoted £96 for common, but less might be accepted for a good order. In Holland: Banca is firm at 57 1/2 fl., and Billiton at 54 1/2 fl. Tin plates steady. Lead rather dearer; £21, 5/ to £21, 7/6 for good English pig. Spelter has been done at £22, 5/ in London, £22, 2/6 outports, and £22, 10/ for special brands. Quicksilver, £23. At the Cornish ticketing, at Redruth, on Thursday, 783 tons of copper ore realized £3805 18/6, being an average of 24, 17/6 per ton. Fine copper, 57 tons 2 cwt., average produce 7 1/2; average standard, £104, 6/; being an advance upon last sale of £4, 5/.

The Mining Journal's remarks (dated Sept. 5th) are these:

"Copper.—The market for Chili bars is again slightly higher, and several important sales have been announced during the earlier part of the week. The position of the article statistically is better, and there exists fair grounds for an enhanced value. Deliveries in Liverpool and Swansea during the past fortnight of August of Chili produce were very favorable, the stock being reduced from 18,500 tons on the 15th ult. to 17,300 tons on the 31st, and the quantity of bars estimated at only 13,178 tons. According to advices received on Saturday, the Chili charges for the last fortnight amount to 2100 tons. Lead.—The market keeps steady, and prices rather tend in an upward direction. Spanish is active, and realized £31 at Newcastle. Sheets are in good request, and high prices are now asked. Spelter.—The stock of Silesian in London on the 1st inst. was only 161 tons. The market is steady, but the transactions are limited. £22 has been obtained at outports, but for delivery 5/ more is required. Quicksilver.—Sales continue to be effected at £23 per bottle. For the first six months of this year the imports were 2,203,997 lbs., and the exports were 1,557,550 lbs. The arrivals up to July are very nearly equal to those of the same period of 1873 and 1872, the former being 2,244,711 lbs., and the latter 2,222,190 lbs. Tin Plates.—Manufacturers still experience difficulties in making deliveries, on account of the conduct of the men. The reduced prices have not created any material increase in orders. Shipments during the first six months of this year were 69,388 boxes, against 79,124 in 1873, and 71,273 in 1872. Steel.—Swedish is quite neglected, the German manufacture having superseded it. In English there is no change. Tin.—In consequence of the deliveries being large, there is less disposition to sell unless higher prices can be realized. In Straits, sellers want £92, 10/ to £93, and £91 to £91, 10/ for Australian. Banca is quoted 57 1/2 fl., and Billiton 54 1/2 fl. in Holland. The stock of foreign in London is rather large, or about 1000 tons in excess of the two previous years. Stock, 1874, 2755 tons; 1873, 1884 tons; 1872, 1759. Australian tin ore has been realizing from £35 to £35 1/2 per ton.

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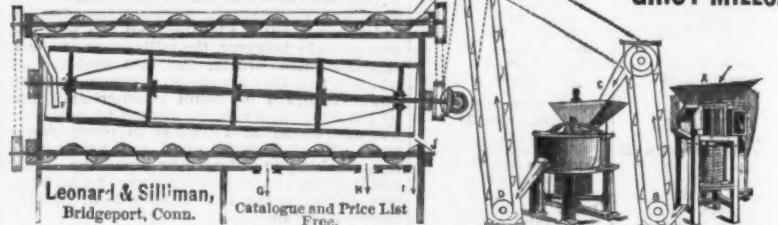
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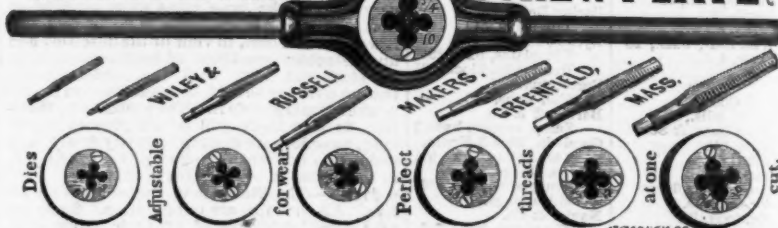
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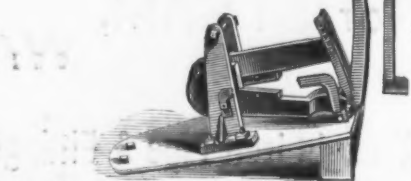
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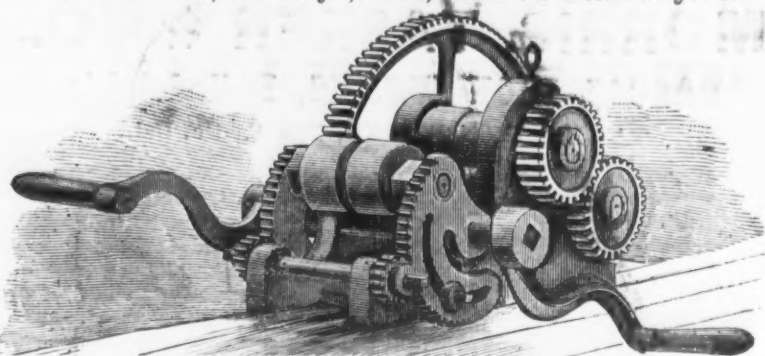
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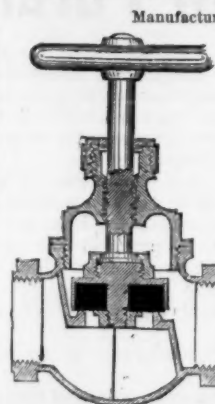
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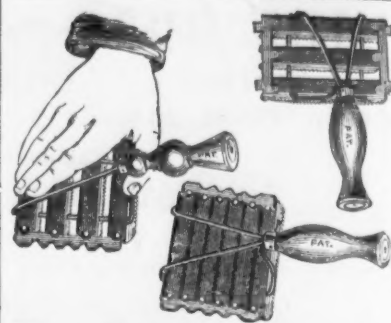
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## Patent Laws.\*

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## JOINDER OF INVENTIONS AND OF INVENTORS.

Although it is clear, on principle, that a process, a machine, and a product, concurring to a common result, are properly claimable in the same patent, the Patent Office, for the sake of convenience in examining inventions by classes, refuses at present to grant such patents. It requires that a separate patent shall be taken for each distinct machine, process, manufacture or composition of matter, even for distinct improvements upon the same structure or machine.

Whenever an invention is the joint product of different minds, a joint patent must be applied for by all the inventors, and if a patent for such an invention is taken by any number of such inventors, less than the whole number, such patent is void. When, however, one person is clearly the inventor of a distinct part of a device, and another person is clearly the inventor of another distinct part of such device, distinct patents may be taken by each for his part, though a joint patent would probably be valid.

When a patent has been granted for an invention alleged to be joint, no evidence short of that which is conclusive and indisputable will be held to prove such invention to be other than joint.

When a person has in his mind the main features of an invention, or has grasped the general principles upon which it is to operate, he is entitled to the aid, counsel and experiments of scientific men, and to the efforts and suggestions of skilled mechanics in reducing his invention to practice, and in embodying it in tangible materials, without forfeiting his right to the title of inventor.

An employer is not necessarily entitled to an invention made by a workman in his employ. It would require a distinct contract or understanding to that effect to entitle the employer to the patent. Where, in the absence of any specific understanding or contract, a man makes an invention in the time of his employer, using his tools and materials in experiments and construction, this would furnish strong evidence that the improvement was intended to be for the benefit of the employer. In any case the application for patent must be made by the inventor, and if it belongs to the employer, assigned to him.

## CAVEATS.

A caveat is only notice of an inventor's intention to ultimately apply for a patent, and it prevents another inventor from getting a patent, unknown to the caveator, while the caveat is in force. The United States grants patents to citizens of all countries upon the same terms; but caveats can only be filed by citizens and aliens who have resided here one year and taken the oath of intention to become citizens. So long as the caveat is in force, no one but the inventor or his attorney can have any access to it, or get any information from the office about it; but after a caveat has lapsed any one is entitled to see it, or have a copy of it, upon paying for the same. The practice of the Patent Office is to revive a caveat from year to year, so long as the government fee is regularly paid. A caveat does not prevent other parties than the inventor from making, using and selling the invention. Any invention can always be freely made, used and sold by others than the inventor, without liability, until the inventor's patent issues from the Patent Office. A caveat may be legally filed on a complete or an incomplete invention; the filing is not conclusive evidence that the invention which forms its subject matter is incomplete. The statutory governmental fee upon the filing of a caveat is \$10.

## APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS.

In order to constitute an application for a patent which the commissioner will recognize and act upon, there is required a petition, a specification, an oath, drawings and model when the nature of the invention permits it, or if the invention be a new composition of matter, specimens of the ingredients and of the compound, and a fee of \$15.

The Patent Office has issued a pamphlet containing instructions and forms for petitions and other papers, which will be sent without charge to all intending patentees who request the Commissioner so to do.

Patent Office drawings are now required to be upon paper stiff enough to stand in the portfolios; the surface of which must be calendered and smooth, "two sheet" Bristol board, or Whitman's hot pressed drawing paper, "antiquarian size" is recommended. Nothing but the drawings and signature are permitted on the face of the sheet, and these must all be within the marginal line. The drawing should be referred to in the specification by letters of reference.

The inventor is required to make oath, not that he is the original discoverer or inventor, but that he believes himself to be such, that he does not know or believe that the same was ever before known or used; and he must state of what country he is a citizen.

The model is required by the office rules to clearly exhibit every feature which forms the subject of a claim of invention, but should not include other matter, unless necessary to the working of the model. It must be neatly and substantially made of durable material, and not more than one foot in length, width or height.

The specification is, by far, the most important thing about a patent, and the highest care and skill are often requisite in its preparation. Specifications may, and often do, have faults which render the patents of which they form a part void and worthless. The requirements of the law in this respect are twofold: First, that the invention shall be fairly and clearly described; and, second, that it shall be accurately

\* Abstract of Manual of Patent Law by Wm. Edgar Simonds, of Hartford, Conn.

claimed. The object of the first requirement is that the public may be enabled to practice the invention when the patent has expired.

A description in a specification is ambiguous when a person skilled in the art or science to which the invention appertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, cannot, when working by the specification and drawings, and without invention or experiment of his own, put the invention in practice.

An inventor is required to specify and describe the best mode he knows of putting his invention in practice, when several modes may be employed, and, if he describes an inferior mode, when he knows and himself practices a better one, that creates an ambiguity in his description. If a patentee makes a mistake in a trivial matter, and the mistake is one that a properly skilled person would readily see and overcome, that does not create an ambiguity.

It must always be remembered that to adjudicate a specification ambiguous creates a forfeiture that the law does not favor, and it must be quite clear that a specification is ambiguous, insufficient, and uncertain, before a court will thus hold it.

Ambiguity in the claim is a very different thing from ambiguity in the description. An invention may be fully, clearly, and perfectly described, so that a properly skilled person might, from the description, be able to put the invention into practice, and yet in the summary at the end, technically called the claim, he may, by inadvertence or design, so loosely and inaccurately specify what he claims to be his invention, that there cannot be gathered from it what he means to claim. In such a case there is ambiguity in the claim.

The courts have laid it down, in numerous cases, that the patentee must distinctly point out what is old or well known before, and then distinguish the old from the new, but it is now held that this is done by a properly worded claim, even if the patentee do not, in set terms, say that such and such things are old.

The claim is ambiguous when there cannot be gathered from it, in connection with the description, what it is to which the patentee intends to assert an exclusive right.

The claim is, so to speak, the vital part or soul of the patent. It must be confined to the patentee's exact invention, and include no more.

If the invention is a machine which is wholly new, a claim to the machine as such would be valid; but if the invention be a new combination of old parts, then it must be claimed as such, and not otherwise. If the combination be composed of elements, some of which are new, and some old, the patentee may make a claim to each of the new parts specifically, and to the combination of the whole. If an invention is only an improvement on some prior thing, then it should be so claimed. The rights of a patentee are measured by his claim, and if the claim is not as broad as the invention, he has to bear the consequences. Defects of this kind can be cured by a release.

Although a patentee is not held to any technical forms in making his claim, the person who draws the claim should determine in his mind before drawing the claim, whether the invention is an art—that is a process—a machine, a manufacture or a composition of matter; and the claim should be drawn to correspond with the invention, for if he clearly claims a machine when the real invention is a process, or a process when the invention is a machine, the patent will be invalid.

A claim can not be made to an abstract principle, or for the discovery of a natural property of a substance, but it must be for the principle as applied, or for a mode or manner of application. It can not be for all ways of doing a thing, or for a result no matter how produced. Courts will support a claim if it is possible to do so without doing violence to the meaning of language, but will do no more.

When an application is rejected, in whole or in part, upon the ground of want of novelty, the examiner cites the references upon which he bases his rejection, and the office will, upon request, furnish to the applicant a copy of all such references, if in possession of the office, which is usually the case, on payment of the cost of making such copies.

When one or two clauses of claim have been twice rejected by the examiner in charge, the applicant may then, if he chooses, take an appeal to the board of examiners in chief, paying a government fee of ten dollars thereon, and filing written reasons of appeal.

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The Paris makers have almost a monopoly in the making of ribbon saws, and of late years

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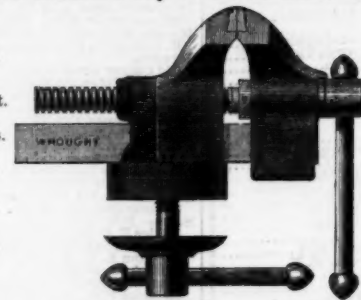
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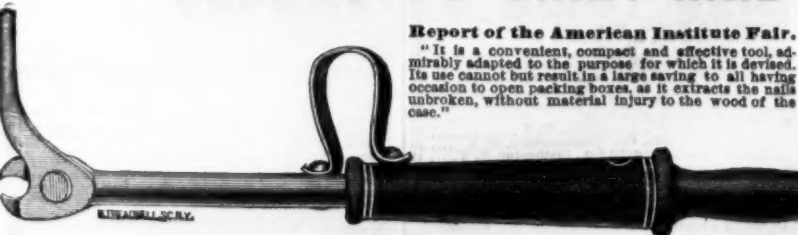
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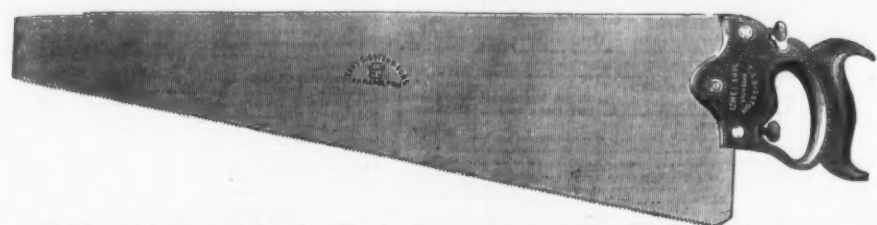


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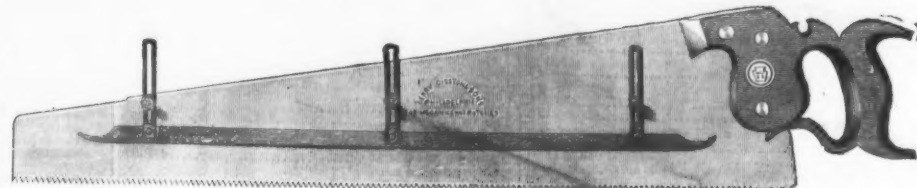
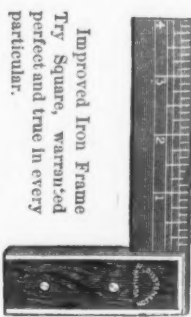
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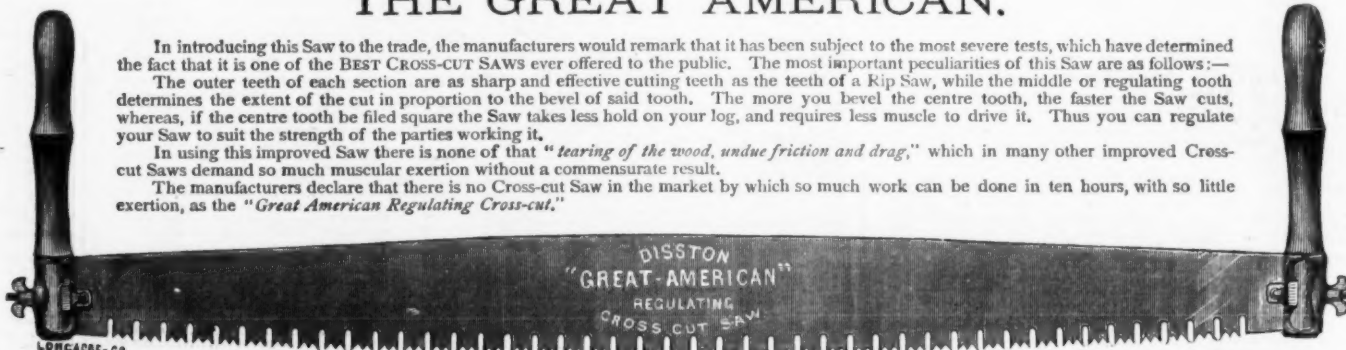


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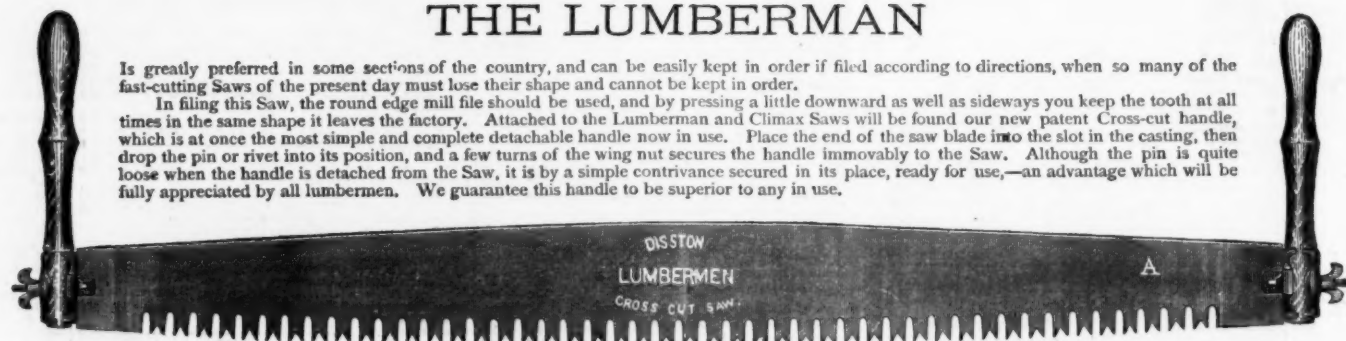
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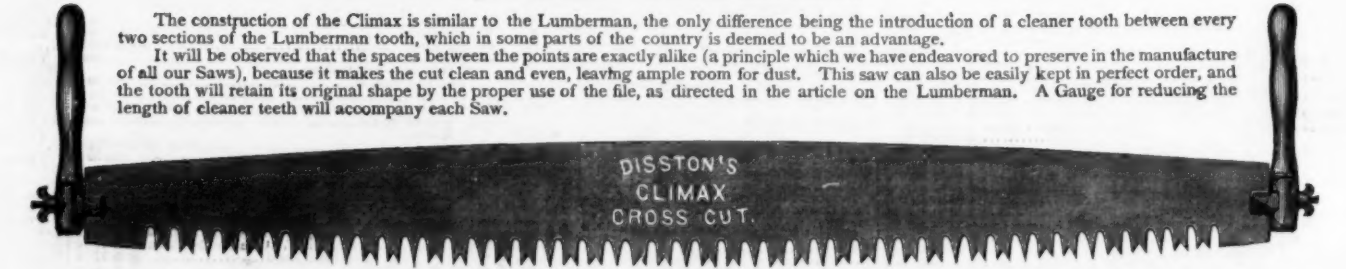
### THE LUMBERMAN

Is greatly preferred in some sections of the country, and can be easily kept in order if filed according to directions, when so many of the fast-cutting Saws of the present day must lose their shape and cannot be kept in order.  
In filing this Saw, the round edge mill file should be used, and by pressing a little downward as well as sideways you keep the tooth at all times in the same shape it leaves the factory. Attached to the Lumberman and Climax Saws will be found our new patent Cross-cut handle, which is at once the most simple and complete detachable handle now in use. Place the end of the saw blade into the slot in the casting, then drop the pin or rivet into its position, and a few turns of the wing nut secures the handle immovably to the Saw. Although the pin is quite loose when the handle is detached from the Saw, it is by a simple contrivance secured in its place, ready for use,—an advantage which will be fully appreciated by all lumbermen. We guarantee this handle to be superior to any in use.



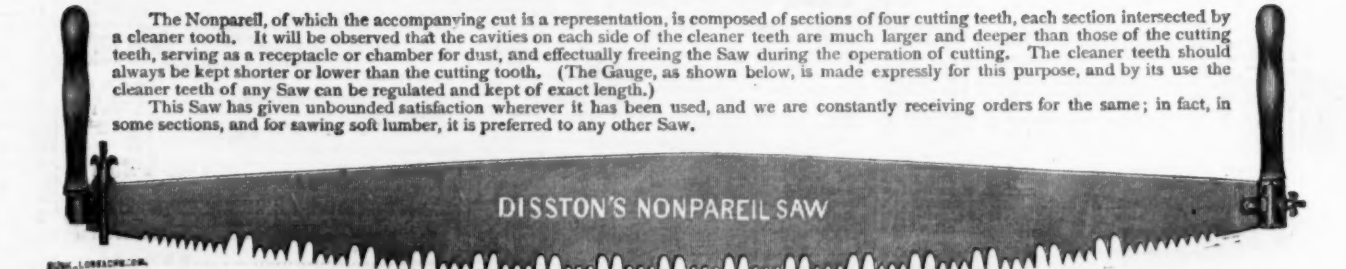
### THE CLIMAX.

The construction of the Climax is similar to the Lumberman, the only difference being the introduction of a cleaner tooth between every two sections of the Lumberman tooth, which in some parts of the country is deemed to be an advantage.  
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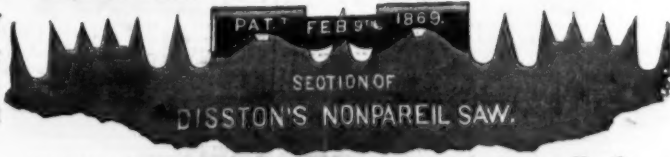
### THE NONPAREIL.

The Nonpareil, of which the accompanying cut is a representation, is composed of sections of four cutting teeth, each section intersected by a cleaner tooth. It will be observed that the cavities on each side of the cleaner teeth are much larger and deeper than those of the cutting teeth, serving as a receptacle or chamber for dust, and effectually freeing the Saw during the operation of cutting. The cleaner teeth should always be kept shorter or lower than the cutting tooth. (The Gauge, as shown below, is made expressly for this purpose, and by its use the cleaner teeth of any Saw can be regulated and kept of exact length.)  
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Showing the Gauge in Position for Filing the Cleaner Teeth



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American Adjustable	dis 45
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Crow's	dis 45
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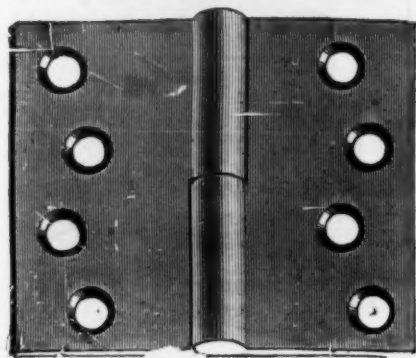
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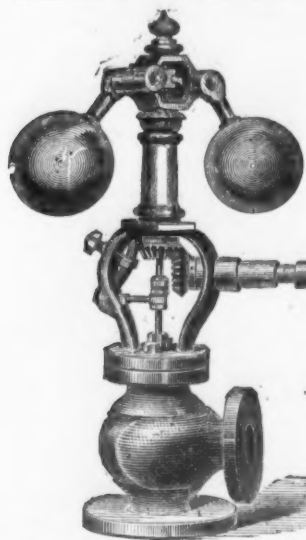
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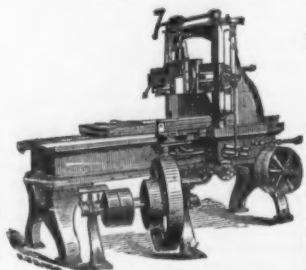
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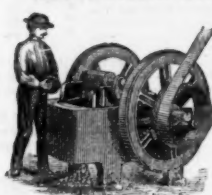
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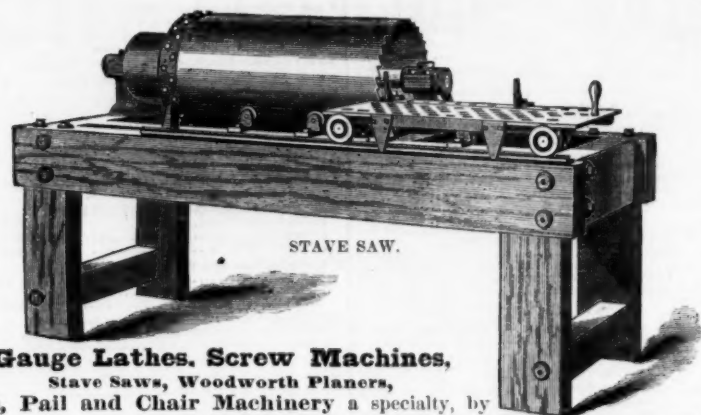


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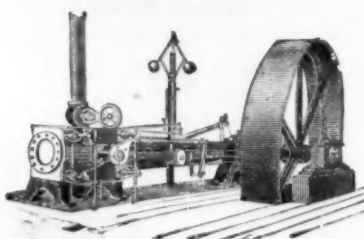
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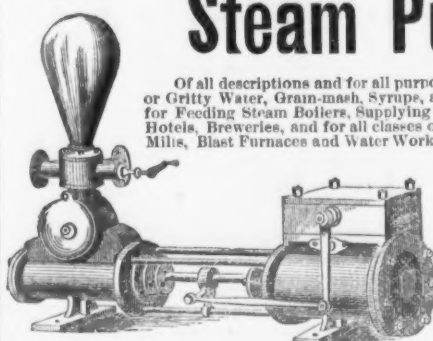
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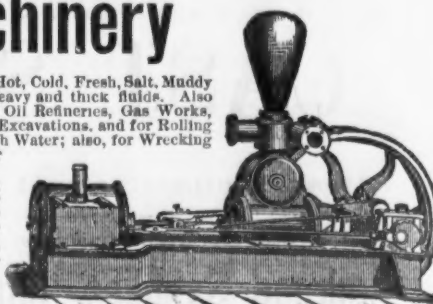
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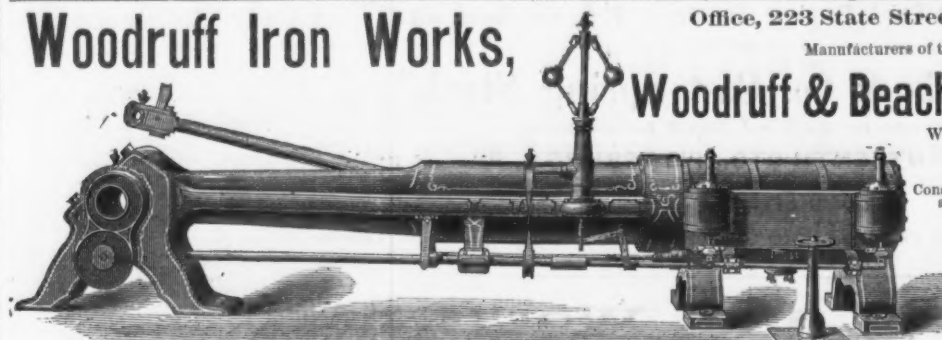
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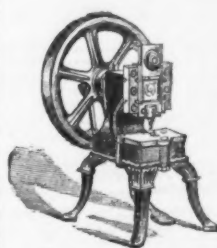
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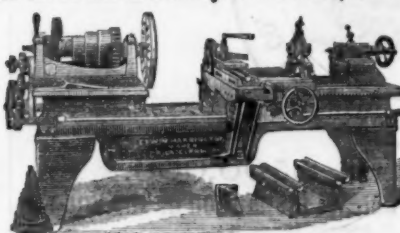
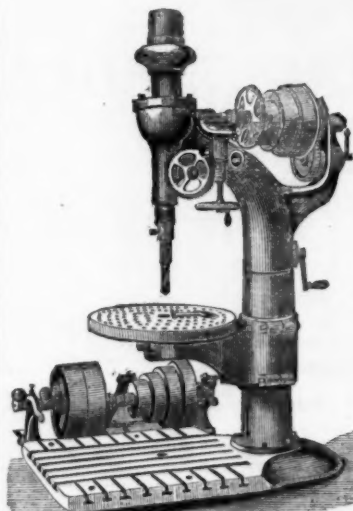
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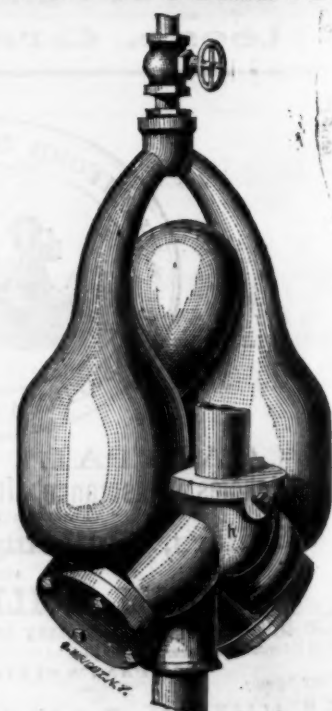
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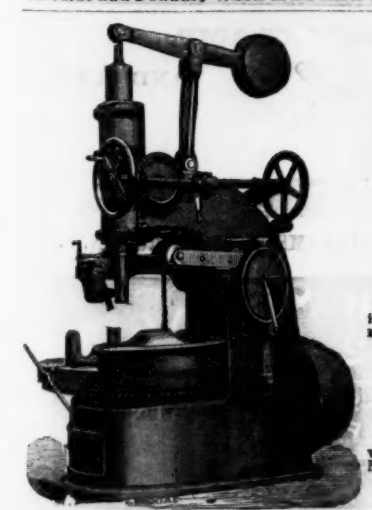
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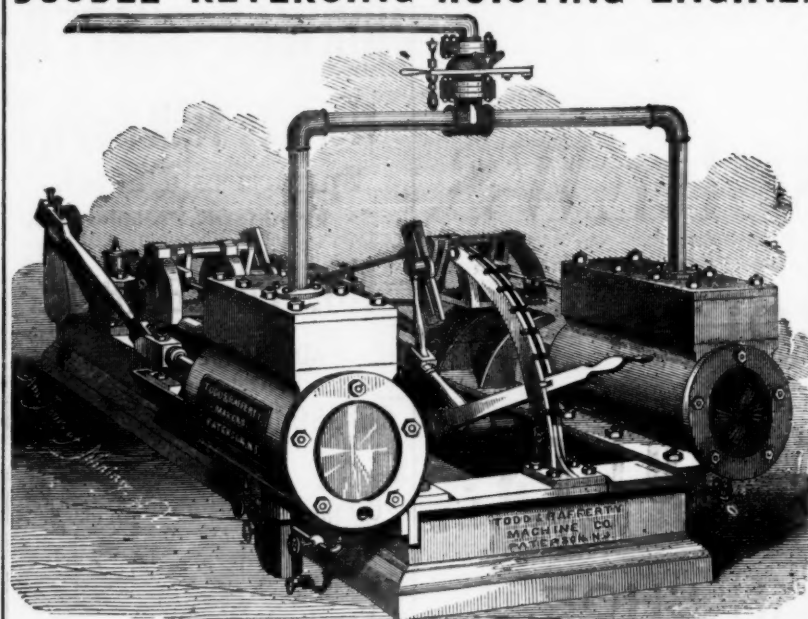
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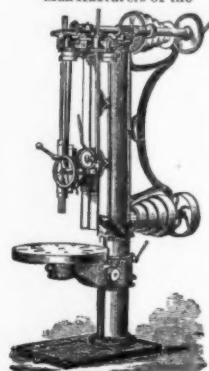
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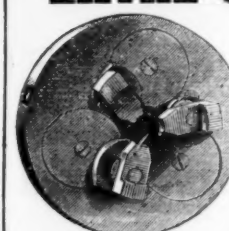
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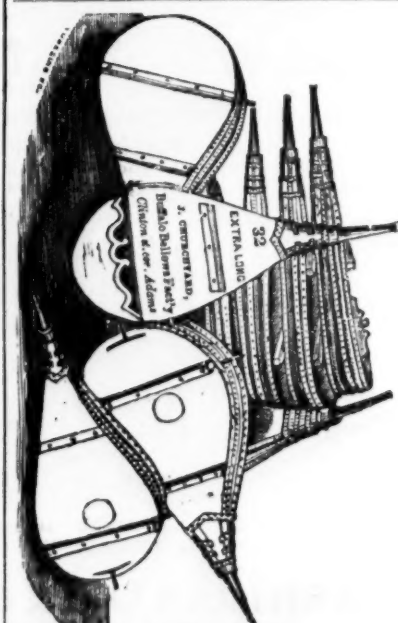
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